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## Royal treatment

### Ashlee Baracy 'honored and humbled' to be Miss Michigan

BY DARRELL CLEM  
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thrilled by her new Miss Michigan title, Westland's own Ashlee Baracy will use her fame to draw attention to breast cancer, a disease her mother, Janet, battled successfully five years ago.

Baracy, 23, was crowned Saturday before a crowd of 1,400 people at Muskegon's Frauenthal Theater. Her latest achievement came after her family recently celebrated her mother's five-year milestone of remaining cancer free.

"All of this was so timely," Baracy said Monday during a telephone interview from Muskegon, where she was preparing to accompany reigning Miss America Kirsten Haglund, last year's Miss Michigan, to a photo shoot.

Baracy already has started a Web site, www.bcdaughters.com, aimed at supporting daughters whose mothers are battling breast cancer. An only child, she made her mother and father, Kevin Baracy, proud long before she became Miss Michigan.

"She has worked so incredibly hard," Janet Baracy said. "We're just very, very proud of her."

Ashlee Baracy won more than \$11,000 in scholarships and other prizes Saturday night, capturing academic, community service and preliminary swimsuit awards. Her talent portion was lyrical dance to *I Run for Life*.

Moreover, she will represent Michigan in Las Vegas on Jan. 24, when she will compete in the Miss America competition. She's hoping for back-to-back wins for her home state.

Baracy, the niece of Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy, proved that her third attempt to become Miss Michigan was the charm.

"I'm so humbled and honored," she said. "Out of the three years I have competed, I've never been with such talented and gracious young women."

Baracy, a competitive dancer since age 5, attended Madison Elementary, Stevenson Middle School and John Glenn High, where she was a valedictorian. She earned her bach-



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Westland's Ashlee Baracy poses with her crown and sash in her backyard for her first newspaper photo since being crowned Miss Michigan 2008.

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## Teen charged with assaulting bicyclist

BY SUE MASON  
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 19-year-old Westland man faces a preliminary hearing Thursday on a charge of assaulting and injuring a bicyclist who was riding to the 7-Eleven store at Hix and Cherry Hill to return empty bottles.

Akim Bashire Hunter, 19, was arraigned in 18th District Court June 19 on a charge of aggravated assault following the incident that occurred about 10 p.m. June 16 on Avondale east of Hix.

According to Westland Police Sgt. Ed Price, a 22-year-old Westland man and his companion, a 20-year-old Superior Township woman, were riding their bicycles on Avondale when a car pulled up behind them, honked the horn and the passenger shouted that they were blocking the road.

Price said there was a verbal altercation and the passenger told the driver to stop the car. "She did and he got out and

went to punch the bicyclist, but hit him with his forearm," Price said. "The rider was knocked off the bike and hit his head on the pavement."

He was transported to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and airlifted to Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn where he is in stable condition. According to Price, the victim sustained a fractured skull behind his right ear and is a medical-induced coma after doctors removed a portion of his skull to relieve the pressure on his brain.

Hunter was arraigned before visiting Judge Gail McKnight who set bond at \$50,000 cash/surety.

Hunter was on a felony probation for second-degree home invasion and receiving and concealing stolen property and was wanted on a felony warrant in Detroit, Price said. If found guilty, he could face one year in jail.

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## Hail to the chief

President George W. Bush speaks during the Max M. Fisher National Republican Leadership Award Dinner Wednesday evening at Laurel Manor in Livonia. See story on page A3.

## School official: Fund existing programs

BY SUE MASON  
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Wayne-Westland school official is hoping state lawmakers will focus on funding current school programs and wait until the state's economy improves to finance new initiatives.

The proposed state school aid bill is currently before a state House-Senate conference committee to hammer out differences, primarily over the amount of money earmarked for new programs like the 21st century small high school initiative.

"We need to take care of the existing programs' funding until Michigan is healthy," said Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy. "The programs are well intentioned, but the timing's not right."

According to Baracy, \$32 million is earmarked for the small high school initiative which would be available to high schools with low graduation rates. If the program were delayed, it could mean an additional \$20 per Wayne-Westland student or \$250,000 that could be used "to add teachers or buy buses."

According to Baracy, the proposed per pupil increase ranges from \$52 to \$110, but could be more if the state waits to on the initiatives. Wayne-Westland receives \$7,896 per student in state school aid and has budget-

ed for a \$130 increase for fiscal 2008-09. However, as it stands now, the district's increase could be \$90, well below the rate of inflation, Baracy said.

He added that \$80 million is earmarked for initiatives, an amount that equates to \$50 per student. That would get the district closer to the \$130 mark, but declining enrollment could wash it away. Projections show 26,000 students leaving the state this year and a like number next year and that 400 school districts will report an enrollment loss this fall.

He added that state Rep. Richard LeBlanc and Sen. Glenn Anderson, whose districts take in portions of Wayne-Westland, realize the importance of putting the money into current programs that benefit Wayne-Westland, Livonia and surrounding school districts.

"Both have voiced opposition to the small high school initiative and for putting money in it," Baracy said. "We are appreciative of their efforts because we know they're under a lot of pressure to support the small high school initiative."

Saying that efforts to hammer out a compromise bill is at a "critical state," Baracy encouraged lawmakers to "put some of the proposed earmarked money in the foundation allowance."

"Every school district in the state will benefit," he said.

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## Neighbor thwarts break-in

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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An alert neighbor helped Westland police nab two suspects accused of breaking into Sport-Way, a west-side business that offers miniature golf, batting cages, go-carts and other recreational amenities.

The neighbor heard loud noises as one suspect was using a sledge hammer to break through a roof of the building on Ford west of Hix, police Sgt. Todd Adams said. The incident happened around 4:20 a.m. Sunday.

The neighbor called police, prompting a swift response from officers.

"When they showed up, they saw (the suspects) running from the building," Adams said.

Defendant Cecil Deandre George, 20, of Detroit was arraigned Monday in front of 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokus on a charge of break-

ing and entering a business. A not-guilty plea was entered for him, and he was jailed with a \$50,000 cash bond.

George already was on probation for an unarmed robbery in Dearborn, Adams said.

A second defendant, 19-year-old Angela Rene Bond of Detroit, was arraigned on the same charge, although she was released on a personal bond. She was described by Adams as the alleged lookout during the incident, but she has no criminal history.

Bokus also entered a not-guilty plea for Bond.

The pair will be back in court July 3 for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted, they could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison.

According to Adams, George had a ladder in his hands when police arrived on the scene.

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**Coming Sunday in Health**

Take advantage of summer's bounty to eat for health



# Ham radio operators test skills in national event

Members of the Garden City Ham Radio Club will be showing off their emergency capabilities this weekend during a field day event at the Maplewood Community Center.

Club members will be participating in the National Ham Radio Emergency Test this weekend from their radio station at Maplewood. The station can operate on emergency power and will be used to maintain contact with other ham radio operators across the country and potentially world-wide during the test.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday and continue for 24 hours. Citizens are encouraged to visit the station 2-9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Garden City ham operators provide several critical services for the public through the city's

emergency management program. Their most common role is that of SKYWARN spotters, acting as the eyes and ears of the National Weather Service to assure timely watches and warnings for the public.

Operators are also an important part of the Garden City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and were recently activated to check on the welfare of residents and distribute safety information during an extended power outage. The National Emergency Test will assess their ability to maintain contact with other communities using exclusively amateur radio assets.

Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators will construct emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools and back yards around the country. Their slogan, "When

all else fails..." is more than just words to the hams as they prove they can send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, the Internet or any other infrastructure that can be compromised in a crisis. More than 34,000 amateur radio operators across the country participated in last year's event.

During the recent tornadoes and in Hurricane Katrina, Amateur Radio - often called Ham radio - was often the only way remaining for people could communicate.

Showing the newest digital and satellite capabilities, voice communications and even historic Morse code, hams from across the USA will be holding public demonstrations of their emergency communications abilities.

"We hope that people will come and see for themselves,

this is not your grandfather's radio anymore," said Allen Pitts of the ARRL. "The communications networks that ham radio people can quickly create have saved many lives in the past months when other systems failed or were overloaded."

There are 654,000 Amateur Radio operators in the U.S., and more than 2.5 million around the world. Through the ARRL, ham volunteers provide emergency communications for the Department of Homeland Security's Citizens' Corps, Salvation Army, Federal Emergency Management Agency and hundreds of state and local agencies, all for free.

To learn more about Amateur Radio, go online to www.WeDoThat-Radio.org. The public is invited to come, meet the hams and see what modern Amateur Radio can do.

## IN HER OWN WORDS

Hi everyone,  
I am humbled and elated to sit here (at 3:30 a.m.) to write to you as Miss Michigan 2008. Tonight has truly been a whirlwind and I am beyond grateful for the outpouring of support you all have shown me. As I walked into the theater today for one last time this year, I was at such an ease putting fate in God's hands. I have always strongly believed that everything happens for a reason and I was at peace with the path that was soon to be chosen for me. I am extremely honored to represent the other 26 AMAZING contestants from this year's Miss Michigan pageant. I truly believe our state has some of the most intelligent and talented young women in the country! I am very blessed to have been able to spend a week with these exceptional ladies and cannot wait to see what this next year has in store for me.

Every aspect of competition went incredibly smoothly tonight. When I stepped foot onto that stage, I did not even have to fight back nerves because I wanted my talent to be a selfless performance in dedication to my mother and to soak up the crowd that consisted of my supporters with light-up letters that spelled out "ASHLEE" that my dad had hand-made. The curtain rose and I had chills from the overwhelming support I felt from the audience. It was a remarkable experience that truly set the tone for the night. As the show neared its end, I found myself



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALAN CARSON  
Miss Michigan 2007 Gina Yalo places the crown on the newest Miss Michigan, Ashlee Baracy of Westland.

standing in the "final two" spot ... to then hear my name called as the new Miss Michigan! You can find pictures of my crowning moment on both the Miss Wayne County Web site (www.misswayneco.com) and Miss Michigan Web site (www.missmichigan.org). To top off the night Carleigh Rowley, a special young lady I have gotten to know was crowned Miss Michigan's Outstanding Teen (my new little sister) and my dear friend Katie Lorenz was crowned Miss Illinois!!! I can't wait to share the Miss America stage with Katie. Timing could have never been so perfect! As much as I would love to share more details I need to get some rest! I will be talking to you soon! Miss America here I come!!!

Your new Miss Michigan,  
Ashlee

# Computer guru glad to call Westland home

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dennis Ward of Westland is the only employee of his DW-Computer Incorporated, so he keeps pretty busy.

"We bring the shop to the customer," Ward said of his business, established in 2004. He was certified within the past six months for Microsoft repairs.

"There's no exceptions, it has to be perfect, otherwise we don't charge," he said of his business, describing a double trek to Mount Clemens to get the work done just so.

Ward, speaking Thursday, June 19, at Westland Rotary, cited his services for businesses and residences, including computer repair, spyware and virus removal, new servers, switches

and setup/installation, and more. He's a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and received extensive computer training.

"We do everything pretty much," said Ward, who gets help from others on phone repair. He can't change hardware on your computer remotely, but does much of his other work that way.

"We are a proactive company, not a reactive. We look to prevent the issues." That can include a need for more disc capacity, or laser printer repair.

He relies mostly on word of mouth for business. One satisfied customer is Rotarian Antoinette

Martin, who offers money expertise in her business, Ameriprise Financial.

"He came to my house to get my computer moving because it was slowing down," she said. "His fee was extremely reasonable. He will take it from start to finish."

Asked about coming high-tech trends, Ward noted, "Your PC's going to be smaller and smaller. I constantly have to learn new equipment."

Ward can be reached at www.dw-computer.com, by e-mail at dw-compu@dw-computer.com or by calling (734) 341-3746.

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## ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-14-1 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, SECTIONS 46-1(48), 46-1(49)c, and 46-1(49)d OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO AMEND THE RATES FOR MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL CHARGES

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** That paragraph (a) of the portion of Section 46-1(48) of the Westland City Code entitled "Water consumption charges (Section 102-91)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

"(a) Per 1,000 gallons per quarter or any fraction thereof \$2.78"

**Section 2.** That paragraph (c) of the portion of Section 46-1(49)c of the Westland City Code entitled "Sewage disposal rates (Section 102-124)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

2. Industrial waste control charge (Section 102-124(b)):

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Charge
5/8	6.62
3/4	9.81
1	16.18
1 1/2	35.29
2	51.21
3	92.62
4	127.65
6	191.35
8	318.75
10	446.15
12	509.85
16	764.65
18	892.05
24	1,146.85
30	1,274.25
36	1,401.65
48	1,529.05

**Section 3.** That paragraph (d) of the portion of Section 46-1(49)d of the Westland City Code entitled "Minimum sewage disposal bills per quarter (Section 102-125)" shall be amended to "Minimum sewage disposal bills bimonthly (Section 102-125)" and provide as follows:

d. Minimum sewage disposal bills per billing period (section 102-125):

- Metered premises:  
Actual consumption multiplied by \$3.30 per 1,000 (no minimum)
- Residential premises with no available water mains, bimonthly.....\$73.00
- Residential premises not connected to available water mains, bimonthly.....\$ 78.00
- Commercial premises with no available water mains, per unit bimonthly.....\$78.00
- Commercial premises not connected to available water mains, per unit bimonthly...\$88.00

**Section 4.** That all other provisions of Chapter 46 of the Westland City Code, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 6. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**Section 7. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

EILEEN DEHART  
Westland City Clerk

ADOPTED: June 16, 2008  
EFFECTIVE: June 26, 2008  
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## AROUND WESTLAND

**Register to vote**

Time is running out to register to vote in the August primary election. The last day to register is Monday, July 7, to be eligible for the Primary Election, which is Tuesday, Aug. 5. For more information, call the Westland City Clerk's Office at (734) 467-3185.

**Community cookout**

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior holds a community cookout from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at the church at

29425 Annapolis, Westland. The church also holds a community forum from 7-8:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

**WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction July 1, 2008 at 11:15 AM.

The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1997	Oldsmobile	Aurora	4-Dr	1G3GR62C3V4115318
2000	Mazda	Millenia	4 Dr	JM1TA2214Y1314266
1995	Ford	Explorer	S/W	1FMD432XXSUB56443

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES  
MTG. 12 6/16/08**

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer

155-Approved minutes of 6/2/08.  
-Approved 2008 Summer Tax Deadline Extension to 8/29/08.  
-Approved purchase if i2 Segway Personal Transporter, amt. \$5,740.00.  
-Approved 1 yr. contr. bet. MSB & City for Ice Arena Mgmt, to 6/30/09, amt. \$145,290.00.  
- Approved 1 yr. contr. bet. MSB & City for Golf Course Mgmt. to 6/30/09, amt. \$148,058.00.  
- Approved 1 yr. contr. bet. MSB & City for Crossing Guard Mgmt. to 6/30/09, amt. \$92,000.00.  
- Approved 4 yr. Prof. Serv. Agrmt. bet. City & Community Media, LLC-Cable Television/Community Relations Services, to 6/30/12, amt. \$526,580.00 for first yr.  
- Approved 3 yr. contr. bet. City & YAP Administrator Paul Motz, until 6/30/11.  
-Adopted Ord. 29-W-14-1, to amend Chptr. 46, Sect46-1(48), 46-1(49)c & 46-1(49)d of City Code to amend rates for Municipal W & S and Indust. Waste Control Charges.  
156-Approved Site Plan for addition to Meijer Serv. Station, 37201 Warren Rd., #030-99-0006-007, s. e. cor. Warren & Newburgh Rds.  
157-Approved Site Plan for ofc. bldg. 537 N. Wayne Rd., #048-01-0120-000 & -0019-000, w. side of Wayne Rd. & n. of Cherry Hill Rd.  
158-Approved Rezoning from R-1, Single Family Res. to PUD, part of #017-99-0048-700 & parcels #017-99-0027-000, -0028-000, -0029-000, -0047-001, -0047-002, s. side of Joy & e. of Newburgh.  
159-Approved Prelim. Site Plan Nankin Mills Village PUD, part of #017-99-0048-700 & parcels #017-99-0027-000, -0028-000, -0029-000, -0047-001, -0047-002, s. side of Joy & e. of Newburgh.  
160-Approved Mech. Amuse. Device License, Westland Golf Course, 500 S. Merriman, #065-99-0001-005, w. side of Merriman, s. of Cherry Hill.  
161-Approved Mech. Amuse. Device License, Mike Modano Ice Arena, #035-06-0503-000, 6210 N. Wildwood, s. of Hunter.  
162-Confirmed appt. W.R. Wild as Del. to CWCSA, term to exp. 6/30/09.  
163-Confirmed appt. K. Buford as Alt. Del. to CECSA, term to exp. 6/30/09.  
164-Approved Checklist Activity: \$421,028.73 and Prepaid: \$879,251.70.  
Meeting Adjourned at 11:23 p.m.  
Minutes available at the Clerk's office.

James R. Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk

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## BARACY

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honor, including, among many others, being named Young Professional of the Year by the YWCA Western Wayne County and graduating with honors from U-M.

Baracy said she never has taken any of her accomplishments for granted - certainly not her title as Miss Michigan.

"It was never expected," she said. "I worked so hard, but it's one of those things where you can never count your chickens before they hatch."

"I love the organization and what it stands for," she said. "I will use my crown as a vehicle for breast cancer survivors and patients. I'm excited to market the Miss Michigan organization, make a difference in our state and compete for Miss America."

Baracy has earned numerous scholastic and leadership

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**Invitation to Comment on a Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility**

Interested persons are invited to comment on a proposed wireless telecommunications facility to be located at 33475 Palmer Road, Westland, Michigan, and specifically on potential effects to historic properties located at or near this facility, if any. The facility will consist of the construction of a 100' tall unipole-style telecommunications tower and the placement of equipment at the base of the tower. Comments regarding potential effects to historic properties should be submitted by mail to Regulatory Compliance Manager at 2001 Butterfield Road, Suite 1900, Downers Grove, IL, or by calling (630) 960-8400. Questions about this facility or this notice may also be directed to that address or phone number. This notice is provided in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. Part 1, Subpart I and Appendices B and C.

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**NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN FOR THE AUGUST 5, 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION**

Please take Notice that the Primary Election in the City of Westland will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2008.

The last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at the City of Westland Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2008, is Monday, July 7, 2008. Persons registering after 4:00 in the evening on Monday, July 7, 2008 are not eligible to vote at the Primary Election.

You may register at the Westland City Clerk's office or at any Secretary of State Office.

EILEEN DeHART, CMC  
Westland City Clerk

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

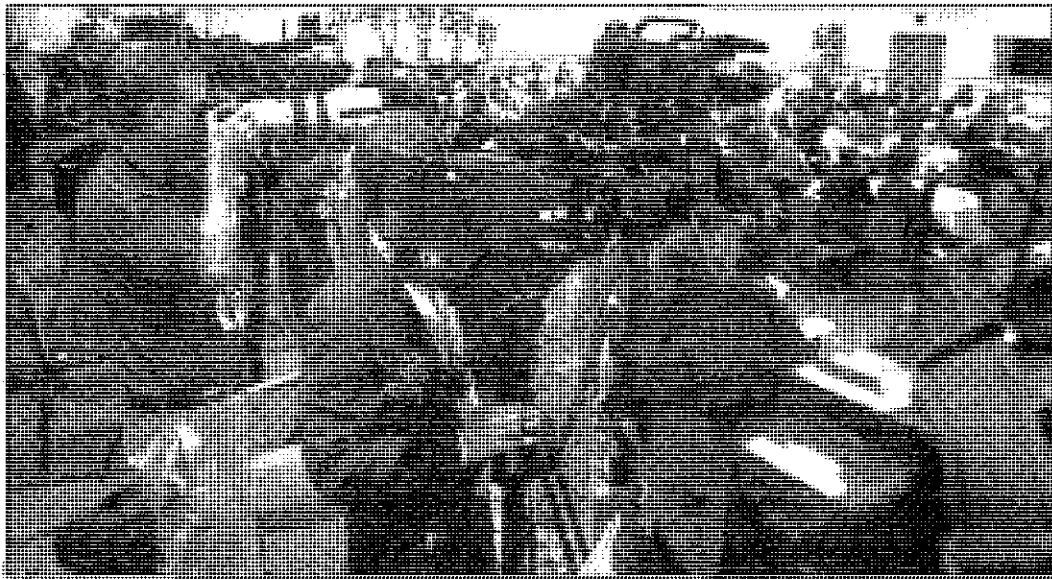
On July 1, 2008, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1996	CHEVROLET	BLAZER/SW	GREEN	1GNCT18W3TK151899
1995	FORD	TAURUS/4DR	BLUE	1FALP52U2SG232878
1996	EAGLE	SUMMIT/2DR	BLUE	JE3AA31CXKT002275
1989	BUICK	LESABRE/4DR	BLUE	1G4HP54C5KH519383
2004	DODGE	STRATUS/4DR	SILVER	1B3EL46X44N243961
1998	OLDSMOBILE	CUTLASS/4DR	GREEN	1G3NB52M4W6338997
1999	CHEVROLET	BLAZER/SW	WHITE	1GNDT13W3X219496
2001	FORD	FOCUS/4DR	WHITE	1FAFP84P11W234781
2002	KIA	SPECTRA/4DR	WHITE	KNAPB121326109488
1995	BUICK	RIVIERA/2DR	BURG.	1G4GD2219S4711823
2001	OLDSMOBILE	ALEKO/4DR	BLUE	1G3NL52EX1C130774
1989	ACURA	2DR	WHITE	JH4KA3267KC019525
1989	BUICK	2DR	BLACK	2G4WB147XK1488682

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Local and national media crowd together covering President George W. Bush's appearance Wednesday at Laurel Manor in Livonia for the Max M. Fisher National Republican Leadership Award Dinner.

## Bush comes to Livonia to stump for candidates, defend record

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

President George W. Bush came to Livonia Wednesday to give a stump speech for Republican candidates and to strongly defend his legacy.

Bush spoke for about 20 minutes before a group of about 400 party supporters, who paid \$1,000 or \$5,000 to attend the Max M. Fisher National Republican Award Dinner at Laurel Manor.

At a time when Bush's national approval rating in recent polls has been in the mid-20 percent range, the president defended his tax cuts, his energy policies, the treatment of detainees at Guantanamo and the war in Iraq.

"The decision to remove Saddam Hussein was the right decision at the time and is the right decision today," he said.

Bush acknowledged that times are hard.

"These are challenging times in America, recession, high energy prices, a housing down trend, wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, devastating natural disasters," he said. "You can't know what the future will bring, there will be unexpected challenges to the country."

After Bush's speech, Republican Party chair Saul Anuzis said the speech could help raise \$500,000 toward a \$1 million victory program for state GOP candidates.

"I think the president gave a great speech," he said. "The crowd was excited. It's helpful to motivate the troops, the base, and we raised a few dollars as well."

Bush opened his remarks by spotlighting several Republican office holders and candidates including U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter



Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox welcomes guests to the Max M. Fisher National Republican Leadership Award Dinner Wednesday evening at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

of Livonia, who flew down on Air Force One with the president; state Rep. Jack Hoogendyk, GOP candidate for the U.S. Senate; Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard; and state Attorney General Mike Cox, who made introductions.

"Our message will be to get to work to elect Republicans to the state legislature, to Congress and to elect John McCain to be president," Bush said.

While urging support for Republicans, he supported the decisions of his administration and said there is a "wide chasm" separating Democrats and Republicans.

He said he delivered the largest tax cut since Ronald Reagan and Democrats are threatening to end those tax cuts.

"The last thing we need is a tax increase, that is why we need to elect a Republican Congress and John McCain to

the presidency," he said.

He reserved his most stinging criticism for the Supreme Court and its decision allowing Guantanamo detainees the right to trial in criminal courts.

"By a bare majority, five Supreme Court justices overturned a bipartisan law that Congress passed and I signed to deliver justice to detainees at Guantanamo Bay. Because of this decision terrorists enjoy the same rights reserved for Americans," he said.

Carl Berry, a candidate for Plymouth Township trustee, who provided help with security at the event, said Bush is a man who has the ability to make a decision.

## Organizers get ready for summer festival

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland Summer Festival organizers will roll out the city's biggest party July 2-6, giving residents and visitors a reason to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday without spending a small fortune to gas up and get away.

And while many cities already shot off their fireworks, Westland hopes to prove it has saved one of the best shows for last with a festival-ending display that will illuminate the skies near the civic center complex, off Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne.

A parade, live entertainment, children's games, a chicken wings-eating contest, a Vegas tent, racing pigs and midway rides will be among the events that are expected to draw tens of thousands of spectators to the five-day festival.

"Everything's going to be on schedule," festival Chairman Ken Mehl said Tuesday.

Still, he conceded that organizers still could use volunteers to help with an array of duties, including security and keeping the festival grounds tidy. To get involved, call festival board member Tony Wager at (734) 637-7992.

Even before the party officially begins, a Miss Westland pageant will be held at 6 p.m. this Saturday at the city's Friendship Center, on Newburgh south of Ford.

The festival grounds will open at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, shortly followed by a 6:15 p.m. parade that will travel south on Wayne Road from the Westland Bowl parking lot to Ford, then west to City Hall. Renowned flutist Alexander Zonjic & Friends will return this year with an 8 p.m., open-



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Miss Westland Pageant coordinator Debbie Lindquist (front row, right) poses with this year's contestants: Nicole Ives (front row, left), Caitlin Burns, Teressa Hendrick, Olivia LaFortune (second row, from left), Kelsey Baker, Alejandra Zarate, Jessica VanToll, 2007 Miss Westland April Kersey, Victoria Lawrence (third row, from left), Samantha Hatfield, Kaitlyn Hanlon, Karley Knoll (back row, from left), Melissa Smith, Justine Woodard and Brittany Durr. Not pictured are Donetta Lanier and Arlene Carter.

ing-day performance on the main stage.

The festival will open at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 3, on the same evening that Detroit's country radio station WYCD 99.5-FM will sponsor Country Music Day at 6 p.m. The fun will start earlier on Friday, July 4, with a noon opening, 4 p.m. horseshoes and an 8 p.m. performance by Impact Seven.

The festival also will open at noon Saturday, July 5, including a children's games area 12:30 to 6 p.m.; horseshoes at 1 p.m.; a child-protection identification program 1-6 p.m. at the main fire station; a Buffalo Wild Wings chicken wings-eating final at 6:30 p.m.; and a performance by 50 Amp Fuse at 8:30 p.m.

Events will conclude Sunday, July 6, repeating Saturday's schedule for opening time, children's games, horseshoes and

the child identification program. The band Second Wind will perform at 7:30 p.m., and the fireworks show is expected to start around 10:15 p.m.

"We are extremely proud to host an Independence Day celebration which provides enjoyment for everyone," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

"This event has truly grown to become an experience that your entire family will enjoy." Throughout the festival, spectators may buy arm bands for \$20 to gain access to all the rides, Mehl said. Anyone who wants to save \$3 may buy them early at the Bailey Recreation Center, behind City Hall on Ford Road, or at various local businesses.

For more information, go online to [www.westlandfestival.org](http://www.westlandfestival.org).

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## Motorcyclist injured in crash

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 20-year-old Livonia man was flown to a Detroit hospital Saturday after his motorcycle slammed head-on into a van at Wayne and Joy roads in Westland.

The motorcyclist survived the 11:15 a.m. accident that occurred after he "popped a wheelie," continued driving at a high rate of speed and apparently disregarded a traffic signal, Westland Deputy Chief Gary Sikorski said.

No tickets had yet been issued, and the accident remained under investigation.

The motorcyclist appeared unconscious at the scene, and he was taken to Garden City Hospital before he was flown to Sinai Grace Hospital in Detroit, Sikorski said. The accident left him with a broken jaw, arm and leg injuries, and internal bruising to his heart and lung, Sikorski said.

"The injuries were non-life-threatening," he said.

The motorcyclist was traveling south on Wayne on his

2006 Suzuki GSX-R 1000 when he slammed head-on into a 1998 Ford Econoline driven by a 75-year-old Livonia man, Sikorski said. The van was traveling northbound and had started to make a left turn onto westbound Joy, he said.

"The driver of the motorcycle was driving in a reckless manner and disregarded the signal," the deputy chief said, adding that the cyclist was traveling "at a high rate of speed."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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Archbishop of Krakow, blesses a bronze statue of Pope John Paul II, rededicate the Lourdes Grotto and celebrate Mass in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Indian Trail. Call (248) 682-1885 or visit www.orchardlakeschools.com.  
**Sprout time**  
 Preschoolers and Toddlers ages 1 to Pre-K and their parent are invited to

join Bell Creek Community Church for bible stories, music, crafts 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 26, and July 10 and 17, at McKinley Elementary School, 9101 Hillcrest, Livonia. Bring a lunch and have fun. For information, call (734) 425-1174 or e-mail jen@bellcreek.org.  
**Rain forest adventure**  
 Vacation Bible School continues for all children 5:30-8:30 p.m. through Thursday, June 26, a light supper



leads to an evening of games, crafts, songs, skits, stories, no charge. Garden City Presbyterian Church, on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford. To register, call (734) 421-7620.  
**Vacation Bible school**  
 Kidz Storm 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, June 26-29, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 525-3664.  
**Ward Church car show**  
 Featuring classic, custom and just

plain hot cars and motorcycles 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26, in the parking lot at Six Mile and Cross Roads, just west of Haggerty.  
**Water works park**  
 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Friday, June 27, at Ward Church, Northville. "Uncle Jerry" Jacoby, nationally known for his Good Stuff school assemblies, will share humor, stories and songs.  
 Other activities include inflatables,


crafts, games, music. Free and open to children entering grades K-7. For families needing all-day activity, Ward offers SHINE day camp with drop-off hours available as of 7 a.m. and lasting until 6 p.m. SHINE day camp is \$15, and requires pre-registration. Information at wardchurch.org.  
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**JUNE**  
**Pastoral visit**  
 Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz,

# Your Invitation to Worship

<p><b>BAPTIST</b></p>	<p><b>UNITED METHODIST</b></p>	<p><b>LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</b></p>	
<p><b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b>                  33640 Michigan Ave. • Wayne, MI                  (Between Wayne Rd. &amp; Merriman Rd.)                  (734) 728-2180  <i>Virgil Humes, Pastor</i>                  Saturday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.                  Sunday Worship 7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. • Sunday School 9:30 a.m.                  Wednesday Praise Service 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday Children, Youth and Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:30 p.m.</p> 	<p><b>Clarenceville United Methodist</b>                  20300 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia  <b>248-474-3444</b>                  Pastor Beth Librande                  Worship Service 9-30 AM                  Sunday School 11:00 AM                  Nursery Provided</p>	<p><b>Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church</b>                  14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Just north of I-96  <b>734-522-6830</b>                  Sunday Worship 8:30 &amp; 11:00 am - Traditional                  Staffed Nursery Available                  Sunday/Bible Class 9:45 am                  Early Childhood Center                  Phone 734-513-8413  <b>Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ</b>                  Pastors: Robert F. Bayer and Anthony M. Creeden</p> 	
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<p><b>ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>                  Immemorial Latin Mass                  Approved by Pope St. Pius V in 1570                  St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8                  28310 Joy Road • Redford, Michigan                  5 Blocks E. of Telegraph • (313) 534-2121                  Mass Schedule:                  Fri. 7:00 p.m.                  Sat. 11:00 a.m.                  Sun. Masses 7:30 &amp; 10:00 a.m.                  Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass                  Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>FAITH COVENANT CHURCH</b>                  14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills  <b>(248) 661-9191</b>                  Sunday Worship and Children's Church 9:15 a.m. Contemporary 11:00 a.m. Traditional                  Child Care provided for all services                  Youth Groups • Adult Small Groups</p>	<p><b>"More than Sunday Services"</b>                  Summer Worship Service 10:00 a.m. thru August 31st                  • Dynamic Youth and Children's Programs                  • Excellent Music Ministries                  • Small Groups For Every Age                  • Outreach Opportunities                  Pastor:                  Dr. John Grenfell III                  Associate Pastor: Rev. David Wichert  <b>First United Methodist Church of Plymouth</b>                  45201 North Territorial Road                  (West of Sheldon Road)  <b>(734) 453-5280</b>                  www.pfumc.org</p>	<p><b>HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH &amp; SCHOOL</b>                  9600 Levee • So. Redford • 313-937-2424                  "Vacancy Pastor - Rev. Carl Rockrohr"                  Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.                  Wednesday Evening Service 7 p.m.                  Education Hour 10:45 a.m.                  Christian School                  Pre-Kindergarten-8th Grade                  For more information call 313-937-2233</p>
<p><b>St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church</b>                  St. Genevieve School - PreK-8                  28015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220                  (East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile &amp; Jeffries)                  MASS: Mon 8:30 a. Fri 8:30 a.                  Sat. 10 p. Sun 9 a.</p>	<p><b>SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST</b>                  Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church                  31144 Cherry Hill, Garden City, MI 48133                  (1 block west of Vermont Phone: 734-424-8500)                  Pastor: Eddie Petreaca                  Meetings on Saturdays for Early Morning Bible &amp; Health Class-8 a.m.                  Worship Service-English-9:30 a.m.                  Bible Studies English &amp; Spanish (All Ages) 11:00 a.m.                  Wednesdays Prayer Meeting-7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>NON DENOMINATIONAL</b>  <b>Casual, Contemporary Excellent Children's Program</b>                  Meets at Franklin H.S. in Livonia on Joy Road (Between Merriman and Middlebelt Roads) at 10:00 a.m.  <b>734-425-1174</b>                  Join us for coffee, bagels and donuts after the service!</p>	<p><b>WARD</b>                  40000 Six Mile Road                  "just west of I-275"                  Northville, MI  <b>248-374-7400</b>                  Traditional Worship 8:00, 9:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M.                  Contemporary Worship 9:30 A.M.                  Nursery &amp; Sunday School During the 9:30 &amp; 11:00 Hours                  Evening Service • 7:00 p.m.                  Service Broadcast 11:00 A.M. Sunday WRDT-AM 560                  The WMUZ Word Station                  For additional information visit www.wardchurch.org</p>
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<p><b>PREBYTERIAN</b>  <b>Fellowship Presbyterian Church</b>                  Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m.                  Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire                  Services held at: Madonna University's Kresge Hall                  36600 Schoolcraft Road • Livonia                  Parking lot is on N.W. corner of Levan &amp; Schoolcraft • Nursery provided</p>	<p><b>EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA</b>  <b>Timothy Lutheran Church</b>                  A Reconciling in Christ Congregation                  8820 Wayne Rd.                  (Between Ann Arbor Trail &amp; Joy Road)                  Livonia • 427-2290  <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES</b>                  8:30 A.M. &amp; 11:00 A.M.                  (Nursery Available)</p>		

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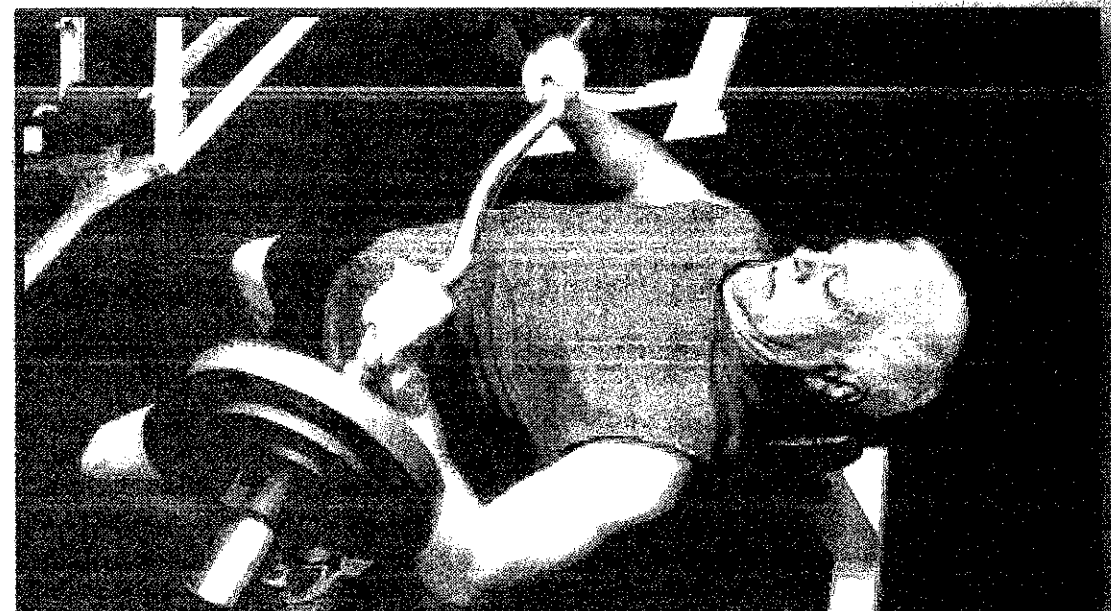
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# Congregation takes on task of caring for God's creation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OSE STAFF WRITER

Right now it's just a seedling of a garden but members of Trinity Church have faith the native grasses and plants will grow and blossom, and maybe even become a model for the community. Already a master plan of caring for God's creation is in the works for the grounds on Six Mile next to Stevenson High School in Livonia.

Pastor Michael Van Horn never dreamed his concern for storm water running off the flat roof would turn into a save the earth campaign. Then Scot Martin, a church elder, led adults of the congregation in a two month study of Calvin DeWitt's book, *Earthwise: A Biblical Response to Environmental Issues*. Before long a Blue-Green Committee had formed to plant a small rain garden.

On Saturday, June 7, nearly 20 volunteers dug up the space while Martin was working with the church's youth group in Lola Valley Park as part of the Friends of the Rouge's effort to rescue and restore the river. Martin says the iron weed, spiderwort, goldenrod, yarrow, black bulrush, switch grass, black-eyed Susan help filter the storm runoff before it reaches the lakes and streams with fertilizers and other chemicals.

"These are values we've been talking about for years," said Van Horn of Redford. "There's a strong Biblical rationale for caring for creation backed up by environmental science and common sense. We try to extend what it means to be spiritual to the physical creation."

"It goes back to Genesis



Here Scotch sets out a plant near the downspout alongside the east wall of Trinity Church in Livonia. Native plants and grasses help filter the water before it reaches lakes and streams.

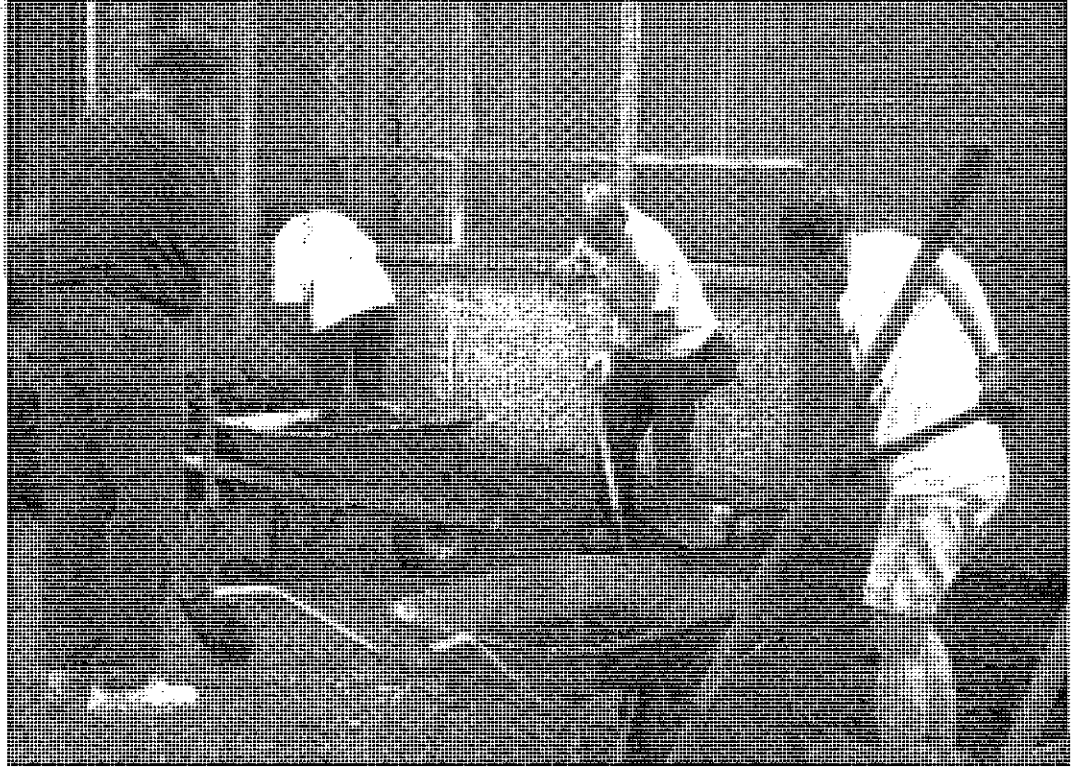
about the goodness of creation," added Ann Horn, a volunteer from Livonia. "We have been called to be caretakers. This is not a response to global warming but to God."

"People often forget the environment is the earth they walk on," said Sylvia Smith, another volunteer from Redford. "Plants enrich the quality of life but for me it's very soul enriching."

Each of the volunteers does their part at home to guard

and preserve God's creation. Smith's family has planted vegetable and flower gardens and started a couple of compost bins. A home-schooled 11th grad student, Smith is proud of the fact no chemicals will be used on plants.

Scot Martin has a small vegetable garden and Van Horn is thinking about trading the grass in his large Redford backyard for native plants. Dave Wiegel, a vegetarian, has gone organic for lawn care,



Dan McLellan (left), Kathy McCoy (back turned), Chris O'Brien, and Bev Loudon work on the rain garden at Trinity Church in Livonia.

mowing high to use less water, and planting flowers to attract more birds and butterflies to his yard in Farmington.

While Ann Horn doesn't garden she takes home catalogues and magazines from the church for recycling. She also tries to buy items without a lot of packaging.

"A lot of us are aware," said Horn. "I really think small ways are as important as the large to make a contribution toward what God originally intended for creation. In last week's Sunday bulletin we had a Calling All Mugs for people to donate mugs so we don't have to use Styrofoam in the kitchen. We try to think more broadly."

The Blue-Green Committee

is having an energy audit done and thinking about solar and wind power but isn't sure about the feasibility of the conservation methods.

In the meantime they're planning to expand their original plan for a number of reasons.

"We have approximately eight acres of turf grass and spend \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year just cutting grass," said Martin of Redford. "Our response is to tear up much of that and replace with native grass to create a meadow. We will be saving fuel and mow time and creating more habitat for creatures. We plan to use natural means to control any pests. We're not doing this out of a sense to be hip. It's the right

thing to do."

"We're trying to reduce water and air pollution," said Glenda Marks, the church elder who headed up the project and lives in Wyandotte. Part of the plants were donated by Friends of the Rouge, the rest were purchased.

"We have a whole grow plan. We're looking for grant money to fund some of the projects. We're looking down the road to start a community garden that anyone could participate and give part of the harvest to homeless shelters or soup kitchens. We want to be good stewards of God's creation."

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## RELIGION

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### Summer day camp

Offered by Ward Church in Northville for children entering grades 1-6, continues to Aug. 24. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended care available at an extra cost. Campers will participate in one field trip per week with additional local outings and weekly water days. Daily elective classes will include sports, drama, music, and foods. SHINE is a fully-licensed day care through the State of Michigan Department of Human Resources. Weekly full-time registrations range from \$135 to \$165. Information available at wardchurch.org, or by calling (248) 374-5975.

### Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is switching its hours for this month only to 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing and is held on the fourth Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

### Carillon concert series

10 a.m. and noon Sunday, June 29, July 20 and 27, and Aug. 3, 17, 24 and 31, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 625-2515 or visit www.kirkinthehills.org.

### Fall craft show

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

### Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) examines the disciplines of spirituality in action during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in June at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdc@aol.com.

### Summer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program for Summer Camp continues to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For more information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

### UPCOMING

**Mom's retreat**  
St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia invites all Catholic Moms in the area to join in an occasional morning off this summer to enjoy some personal time for prayer and relaxation, coupled with some adult

discussion of topics relevant to your daily faith life. 8:30-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, July 2, July 16, Aug. 13, and Aug. 27. A Children's Ministry will be offered while moms enjoy Mass, a continental breakfast, and conversation and discussion with other moms at St. Michael's on the southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth Road, Livonia. Moms may register for as few or many sessions as their schedules permit, cost is \$8 per session with an additional \$2 per child for Children's Ministry care. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org.

### Monthly dance

Hosted Bethany Suburban West which provides peer support to divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago, at Inkster Rd., Redford. No dance lesson this month. Cost \$10. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 261-5716 for details.

### Neighborhood Bible time

6-9 p.m. Sunday-Friday, July 6-11, summer youth crusade for all children and teenagers, at Grace Baptist Church, 28440 Lyndon, north of I-96, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-6215 or visit www.GBCofLivonia.org.

### Summer music ministry

Thursday, July 10 (Sci Ridge Brass Quintet), dinner at 6 p.m. for \$6, concert at 7 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Hymn sings July 6, Aug. 10, Sept. 7. Family Choir all ages are invited to sing at 9 a.m. rehearsal and then morning service July 27, Aug. 24, and Sept. 7. All are welcome to music events.

### Red Cross blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, July 7, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just drop in.

### Vacation Bible school

This Royal Adventure teaches students about the character of God through Kings and Queens of the Bible 6-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 7-11, at Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. No charge.

### Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 10-12, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

### Prophecy seminar

Learn how to interpret Bible prophecy, discover who the Antichrist is and know how to be ready when Jesus comes at a seminar 7 p.m. Friday, July 11, at the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church's Junior Academy Auditorium, 15585 Haggerty, Plymouth. Seminars occur Friday, Saturday, Monday and Wednesday nights until Aug. 16.

### Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 11, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Rd., Livonia.

### Bethany Suburban West

Fireworks at Heritage Park in Taylor Friday, July 11. For details, call Elsie at (313) 563-1142.

### Red Cross blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 13, in the parish hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

### Anniversary celebration

11 a.m. Sunday, July 13, to honor Community Free Will Baptist Church Pastor James Lawson and his 10 years of serving the church, at the church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. The church offers services not only at 11 a.m. each Sunday but 6:30 p.m. Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is at 7 p.m. Youth fellowship is every other Friday at 7 p.m.

### Vacation Bible school

9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

### Vacation Bible school

July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$25 for first child, \$20 thereafter, includes music CD. Call (734) 464-0211.

### Bible study

Word for You Bible Study continues 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, with one hour of praise and worship and the Word at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. For more information, call (313) 289-8336.

### Crafters wanted

The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

### Open house

For Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, and Thursday, Aug. 14, at 9600 Laverne, between Inkster and Beech Daly, and West Chicago and Plymouth roads, Redford. The school offers infant day care, preschool for 3-4-year olds, full day kindergarten and first-eighth grades. For more information, call Laura Goodman at (313) 937-2233 or send e-mail to lgoodman@hosanna-tabor.org.

### Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia, continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. All in the area are welcome to participate. For details, call (734) 261-1455.

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### DANIEL JAMES DEL DUO

Age 64, of Estero, FL, formerly of Livonia, MI, died June 21, 2008 after a seven year battle with lung and brain cancer. Dan was born March 24, 1944 to Margaret and Daniel John Del Duco (Ortonville, MI). Dan was a graduate ('62) of St. Gabriel High School (Detroit, MI), a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, member of the Knights of Columbus, and a retiree of the Ford Motor Company (3 yrs). Dan is survived by his wife Susan; Son, Darren Del Duco, wife Lynn, with their three children, Evan, Mia, and Nicholas (Westfield, IN); Step-daughter, Catherine Gillis, husband Timothy, with their two children, Julia, and Grace (Florence, MA); Step-Son, James Swift, wife Ariane, with their son Bradley (Milford, CT); Brother, Joseph Del Duco (MI); Sister, Diann Masi (Estero, FL); Sister, Linda Dunatchik (Dublin, OH); Brother, Michael Del Duco (Sterling Hts., MI); Brother, Anthony Del Duco (Ortonville, MI); 22 nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Dan will be Saturday, June 28, 11:00 AM at St. Anne Catholic Church in Ortonville, MI. A Memorial Service will also be held this fall in Estero, FL. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, (239) 992-4982, Bonita Springs, Florida.

### KEITH G. LEONARD

Born June 1, 1936 in Detroit, MI to parents Walter and Alice Leonard. Grew up on the Northwest side of Detroit. Attended public schools and graduated from Cooley High in 1955. Attended Detroit Institute of Technology for initial undergraduate studies, then transferred to Ferris State University. Graduated May 1960 with Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. Post-graduate work was completed at a local pharmacy. Keith served as a caring pharmacist for 48 years in the retail, manufacturing, and hospital sectors. Keith married the love of his life, Victoria R. Sadurski on May 1, 1965 at Westminster Church in Detroit. Keith and Vicky celebrated 30 years of marriage before Vicky's death separated them 13 years ago. Keith maintained the same residence in Farmington Hills for 42 years. Keith is survived by older brother Donald and preceded by younger brother Charles and sister Lucille. Keith is also survived by two very loving children, Marnie (Fender) and Keith John, their spouses, and the sparkle in Grandpa's eyes, grandson Nathaniel. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 5th at 11a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Rd (at northwest corner of 11 Mile Rd. and Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice (14100 Newburgh Rd. Livonia, MI 48154). www.thayer-rock.com

### ROBERT LANKTON PhD

June 20, 2008. Loving husband of 67 years to Maude. Loving father of the late Douglas (Marylyn Cantrell), Grandfather of Robert and James. Great-grandfather of Chloe & Nathan. Brother of Kenneth and the late John and the late Ralph. Mr. Lankton received his PhD from the University of Michigan. He taught Math in Detroit Public Schools, at Wayne State University, the University of Michigan and the University of Iowa. A Funeral Service was held Monday, June 23 at Highland Park Baptist Church in Southfield. Arrangements were made by the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia (734) 422-6720. Share a memory of Robert in the online guestbook at: rggharris.com

### DONALD RAY DOUGLAS

Age 71, of Garden City. Don was born September 20, 1936 in West Virginia and passed away June 20, 2008 at Garden City Hospital. Preceding his death by his wife of 20 years, Betty Douglas. He served in the National Guard and was an avid fisherman. Survived by six children, Kenneth, Danny, Ronald, Donna, David and Jimmy; two grandchildren; seven brothers and sisters, Jean Scroggs, William Douglas, Barbara Hoepfner (Bob), Tom Weaver (Lena), Kathy Wilson (Robert), Sue Klein (Doug) and Freda Proctor (David) and over one hundred nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed.

### H. DOROTHY CELL

A memorial service for H. Dorothy Cell, 92, of Westland (formerly of Plymouth) will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 4pm with visitation beginning at 3pm at the Schraeder-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Mrs. Cell was born October 21, 1915 and died June 23, 2008 in Garden City. She lived in Plymouth from 1940-1958, then to Westland from Livonia in 1965. Survivors include sons John (Linda) of Illinois, Thomas of Texas and David (Betty) of Florida. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Share your special thoughts and memories at: shrader-howell.com

### MARJORIE W. DOYLE

Age 91. June 23, 2008. Retired executive from H.B. Stubbs Co. in 1985. Former member of the Village Club and Stonycroft Hills Golf Club. Beloved wife of the late Wendell. Loving mother of Daniel. Dear sister of Merton Wolfe. One grandson and one great-granddaughter. Memorial service Thursday 11 a.m. at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, Beverly Hills. Memorials to charity of donor's choice. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

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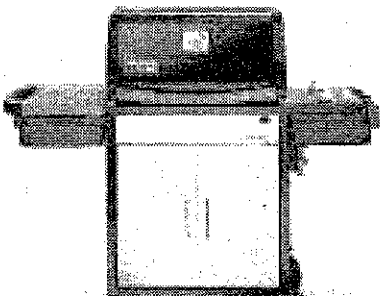




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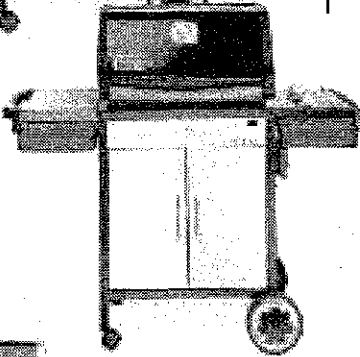
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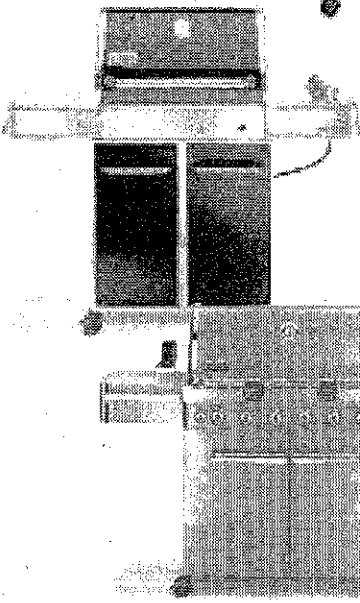


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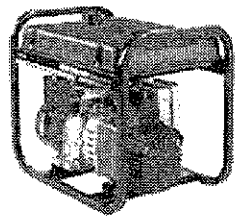
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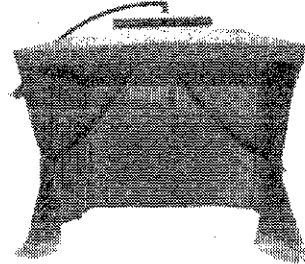
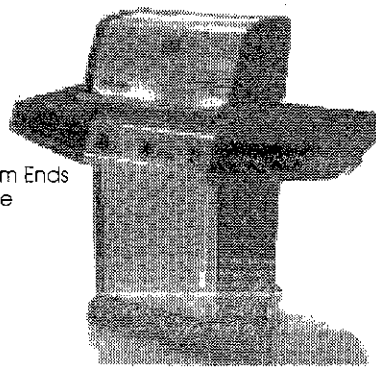
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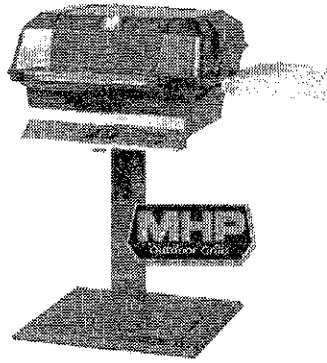
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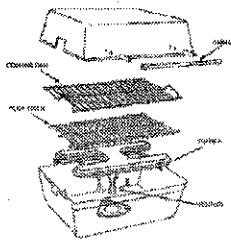
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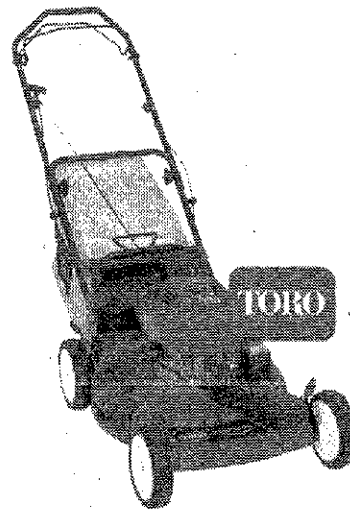
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

## Open house

McKinley Cooperative Preschool is holding an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 12, for interested parents. The preschool offers morning and afternoon programs for children ages 2-5, including "Fun Fridays with Your Toddler," a mom and tot class for 2-year-olds. The preschool is located at 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter in Westland. For more information, call (734) 729-7222 or visit the Web site at [www.mckinleypreschool.org](http://www.mckinleypreschool.org).

## Peace Camp for Kids

Kirk of Our Savior Peace Camp takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24 (lunch will be served). The camp is open to children of all ages and religious backgrounds. Spend a few hours learning to work together in order to achieve success. Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jenny at 313-532-4310.

## Citizens for Peace

The Livonia-based Citizens for Peace, which covers the entire 11th District, invites residents the chance to join in study-discussion groups on the topic, Beyond War, during its June and July meetings. Using a study guide, the topic will be discussed in four group sessions each meeting. The June meeting will include social change; how to talk to people who think war is a good idea or inevitable; war is obsolete; and the concept that we all live on one planet. In July, the topics focus on alternatives to war, such as non-violent conflict resolution processes and appropriate humanitarian foreign aid; international law and cooperation between nations; practical experience about what people and nations can do instead of war; and applying effective advocacy. Citizens for Peace meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Unity of Livonia, on Five Mile road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. A small donation is requested for the use of the church facilities. For details, call Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079.

## Free workshop

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical nutritionist, is presenting "Eat Your Way Thin" 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Learn why diets will not work, ways to avoid weight gain and how to lose weight with diet/nutrition and exercise. When to eat, what to eat and how to eat also will be discussed at the free workshop. Seating limited to the first 30 callers. For reservations, call (734) 756-6904 or go online to [www.TLCHolisticWellness.com](http://www.TLCHolisticWellness.com).

## John Glenn reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20 year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Roma's of Garden City on Cherry Hill east of Venoy. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets and more information, visit the reunion Web site at [jghs88reunion.com](http://jghs88reunion.com).

## Remote-controlled race day

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church hosts "Remote-Controlled Race Day," 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. Racers can bring their R.C. vehicle and race it on the church's large oval track, complete with hill and jump ramp. Ribbons will be awarded to winners. No sign-up necessary. Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. If you need more information, contact Jenny at (313) 532-4310.

## Fish Dial-A-Ride

Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.



## Wheel good

Garden City resident Kay Wincent shows off the new 26-inch pink Schwinn bicycle she won after visiting the Co-op Services Credit Union exhibit at the Michigan International Women's Show at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Nearly 2,000 visitors stopped by the credit union's booth during the four-day exhibition to enter the credit union's drawing.

## Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com) or call (734) 722-3660.

## VOLUNTEERS

## Karmanos Institute

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute needs volunteers to transport cancer patients to mammogram and doctor appointments in metropolitan Detroit. Drivers are needed for Macomb and Oakland counties, Dearborn and Detroit. Volunteers must be at least 18. Mileage reimbursement is provided. Call (800) KARMANOS to volunteer.

## First Step

First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

## Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

## VNA Hospice

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org).

## Seasons Hospice

Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592.

## Literacy Council

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC

will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

## Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

## ORGANIZATIONS

## Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

## Writing Group

Story Circle Women's Life Writing Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free. For more information about storycircle, go online to [www.storycircle.org](http://www.storycircle.org) or send an e-mail to [shepry@yahoo.com](mailto:shepry@yahoo.com).

## Toastmasters

The Wayne-Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Rana Restaurant, 35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

## TOPS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) M128 of Westland meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879.

## Democratic Club

The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. For more information, call Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344.

## HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN HONOR ROLL

Named to the honor roll for the fourth quarter at Huron Valley Lutheran High School in Westland were:

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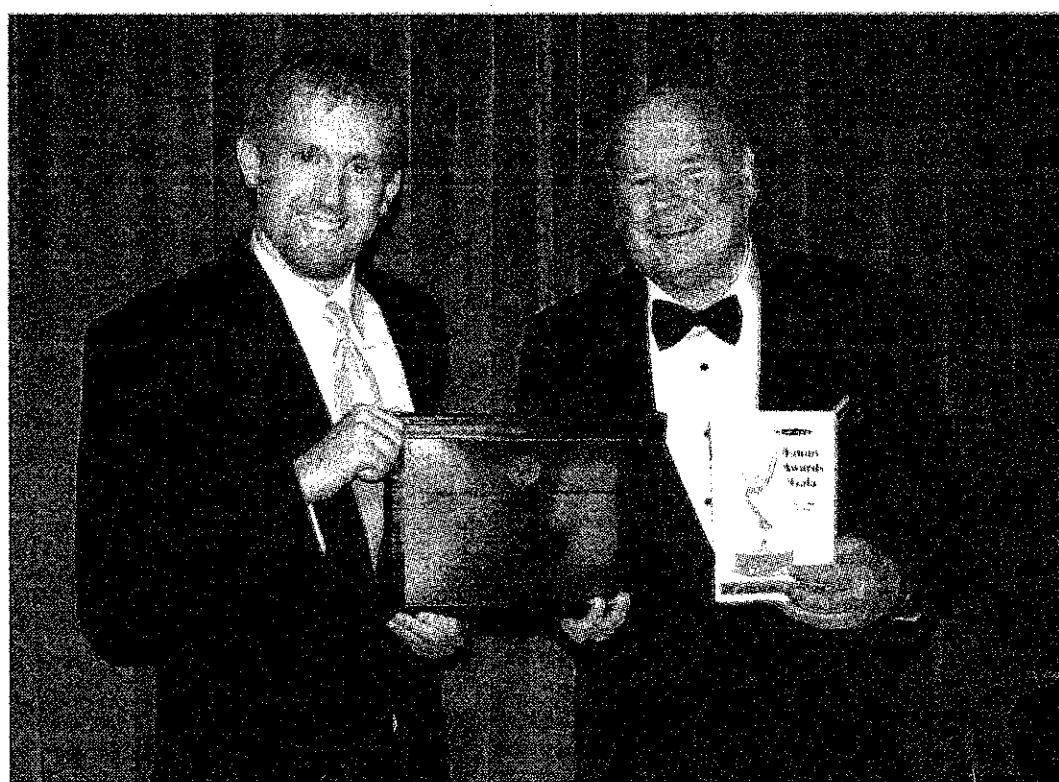
Westland, Kayla Ann Stockdale of Westland, Hannah Ruth Good of Plymouth, Bryan Thomas Gruenewald of Livonia, Sarah Elise Helwig of Livonia, Matthew Lester Kempainen of Livonia, David Joseph Adlof of Plymouth and Leah Marie Miller of Williamston.

**High Honors** - Lauren Elizabeth Adlof of Plymouth, Emily Ruth Helwig of Livonia,

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Livonia, Aaron Shanks Howell of Westland, Lauren Ashley Lovell of Plymouth, Katie Jane Markham of Westland, Eric James Schaffer of Westland, Braden Daniel Woldt-Babb of Livonia, Katherine Marie Cromwell of Livonia, Anna Marie Elizabeth Schaffer of Westland, Michaela Danielle Van Patten of Howell, Claire Elizabeth Wood of Westland, Andrew William Barber of Westland, Shane Robert Bunde of Westland, Nathaniel Thomas Cornwell of Westland, Lindsay Lou Nocella of Monroe, Ashley Kristina Samuel of Livonia and Shawn William Schaffer of Livonia.



Dave Brown accepts his student Emmy award for his documentary about Nankin Mills with his Madonna University instructor Chuck Derry.

## Nankin Mills documentary earns student Emmy award

BY REBECCA JONES  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Riding his bike past Nankin Mills or driving to Westland Mall, David Brown was always curious about the site's history.

"Since I was little, I always wondered what was there," said Brown, a Livonia resident who has directed an award-winning documentary about the historical site for an assignment at Madonna University.

He chose Nankin Mills because, "it was a secret that people should know about," Brown said.

The eight-minute documentary, which can be viewed on YouTube.com by searching "Nankin Mills History," tells

about the site's beginnings as a grist mill, powered by water, and in later years how Henry Ford and Thomas Edison teamed up for a village industry project.

Naturalist Carol Clements is interviewed, and Brown uses shots of displays to help the story move along.

Nankin Mills may also have been a stop on the Underground Railroad.

It turned out to be a video that was not only insightful, but award-winning. *Nankin Mills: Best Kept Secret* earned the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Michigan Chapter Student Emmy Award during a ceremony June 7 at the Gem Theater.

Brown graduated from

Madonna this spring with a degree in television, broadcasting and communication. He's looking for a job in the field.

"I enjoy every aspect of it," he said. Prospects are improving with the Michigan Film Initiative.

But if Brown can't find a job soon, he might invest in a camcorder and search out another local site for a documentary.

"I enjoyed it so much," he said.

Brown also plans to be involved with a Project Accessible Hollywood event known as PAH-fest Motown, which includes seminars and film nights with Hollywood notables and competitions. It takes place July 14-20 at Madonna.

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Registration will be open from June 24-July 8 at the Department of Instruction, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia 48154 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, visit [www.livonia.k12.mi.us](http://www.livonia.k12.mi.us) or contact Charlotte Worthen, Director of Instruction at 734-744-2589.



OUR VIEWS

## School consolidation must start in Lansing

There is much to like about summer in Michigan. It is a time to kick back, relax and enjoy the natural splendor that makes our mitten state so unique.

While many enjoy the "down time" associated with summer, local school officials no doubt are casting a leery eye toward Lansing and the state Legislature. That's because state lawmakers are about to start their summer holiday without reaching any substantive agreement on next year's budget, which includes funding for K-12 education.

Simply put, the budget process as it relates to public education is a mess. Local school officials have to have their budgets set before classes start after Labor Day, but the Legislature does not finalize the budget for several months after that. So an annual guessing game takes place where local school leaders use estimates provided by the state and then cross their fingers they hold true.

That is no way to do business, especially in a state that is in the financial mess Michigan is facing. State revenues continue to shrink, while legacy costs soar. And the governor and Legislature seem unable — or unwilling — to do anything about it.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, in her State of the State address, encouraged consolidation among the state's local school districts, and provided a carrot in the way of financial incentives to districts willing to take the plunge. But that is not enough. It is unrealistic to expect local school boards and administrators to vote themselves out of a job.

The concept of local school control is now more fantasy than reality in Michigan. The state seized control of public education with the approval of Proposal A more than a decade ago. Since the state now dictates school funding, and is playing a larger role in school curriculum with the recent approval of new high school graduation standards, it is up to lawmakers in Lansing to devise a new model for delivering public education, instead of waiting for local school officials to vote themselves out of a job.

## State bottle deposit law should be expanded

Back in 1976, members of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) had enough. They were sick and tired of seeing so many bottles and cans strewn about the Michigan landscape — in roadside ditches, parks, rivers and lakes.

Behind a strong grassroots effort, the MUCC was able to get voters to approve a "bottle bill" that added a 10-cent deposit on all containers for beer and soft drinks, as well as a few others. It was and still is one of the state's most popular and effective recycling programs. Since 1990, the state estimates that more than 97 percent of eligible bottles and cans have been returned for deposit, so there is no question that the law has worked as intended.

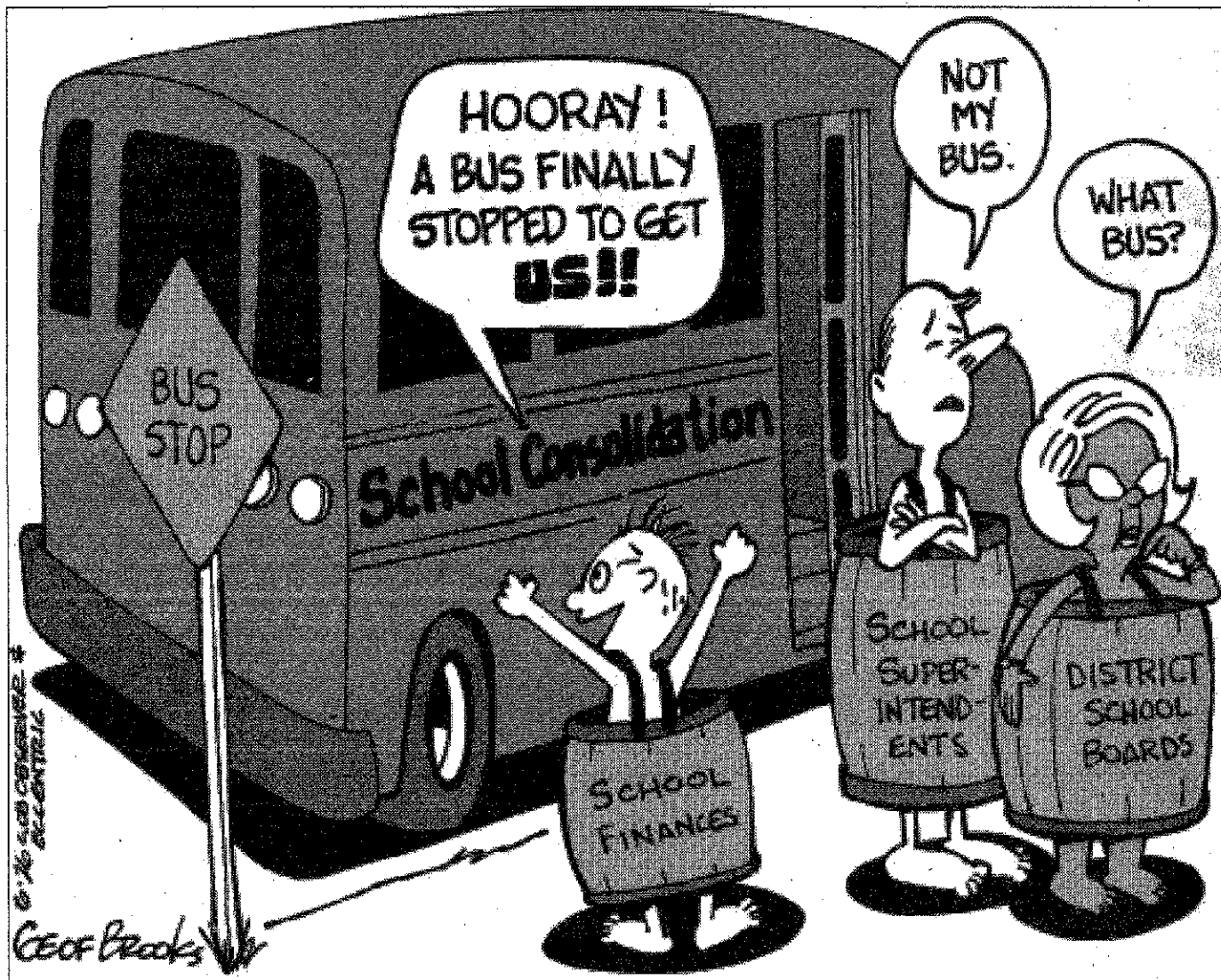
That was then. Today, you'd be hard-pressed to find a pop or beer can laying around. But you won't have any problem finding water or juice bottles. They're everywhere — and that's because they are not covered by the "bottle bill."

The MUCC is at it again, trying to pressure the state Legislature to expand the law to include all water and non-carbonated drink containers. The MUCC estimates that Michigan residents only recycle about 20 percent of these containers, which are soon expected to exceed the number of pop and beer containers on the market (sales grew from 2.2 billion gallons in 1990 to 8.8 billion gallons in 2007 according to the International Bottled Water Association). The vast majority end up in landfills, or worse — in our rivers, lakes and parks.

In principle, we support an expansion of the law to cover these other beverage containers. Back when voters approved the original law, they didn't exist. If they had, they would have been included in the law.

However, the state needs to make sure that it provides assistance to retailers, who must bear the brunt of this law by taking in all the containers. It is messy and labor intensive. Currently the state uses a portion of unredeemed deposits to retailers. It should use more of the money to come up with a way to help ease the burden on retailers. Also, bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate to reduce the amount of fraudulent returns to merchants coming from other states, which should also help.

Expanding the existing law requires a 75 percent supermajority in the state legislature, because it is a voter-approved initiative. Some in Lansing say that kind of support just isn't there. That's unfortunate because this is an opportunity for state lawmakers, who will go on summer recess at the end of the month, to earn their title by crafting a bill that expands one of the state's most popular and effective recycling programs.



### Outraged by vote

We are outraged with the vote of the Westland Council to rezone the area between Gray and Ravine streets from R-1 single family homes to PUD. The four councilmen who voted for the rezoning did not listen to the people from both sides and the people of Livonia across Joy in Livonia. Our concerns were not considered.

In response to concerns about increased traffic on Joy, Mr. Kehrer said he'd counted cars and felt that the traffic was no problem. Mr. Johnson's suggestion was to put up a traffic light, which would only exacerbate the problem. No one ever considered the school buses which travel extensively on Joy, plus the prospect of emergency vehicles which would be called at any time of the day or night, trucks delivering supplies and food to the big building, and the increase from the additional residents and visitors.

Gray and Ravine streets are not subdivisions. They are little communities consisting of people who have common interests in the circumstances of their neighborhood. The people who bought properties here have invested a considerable sum of money and a love for the environment that this area offered. We all have suffered from a considerable decline in property values. The development will further cause property declines.

Mr. Godbont said it is going to "impact six or eight homes on Gray Street, but this is a significant development." So what about those eight homes, especially the one that will be impacted on more than one side. That is negligible. It's a shame, but this is a significant development. The only solution is moving the building to the west and putting up trees? Can you plant trees that are three stories high?

The mayor said that the plan is pretty much compatible with the area. How could he come to that conclusion? There is nothing compatible with the areas of single family homes with an enormous building, no matter how far west it is from Gray Street. Mr. Shaw told Councilwoman Graunstadt that she is not old enough to know what senior citizens want. Well, I am 72, and I know what senior citizens want, and this is not necessarily it. The four councilmen and the mayor completely ignored our needs and instead followed the trail of the fat wallet of Mr. Shaw, who couldn't care less about the community.

We will fight on however we can. We will also remember this debacle in the next election.

Curt Gottlieb  
Westland

### 'David vs. Goliath'

On June 16, the Westland and Livonia residents who border on Joy Road between Newburgh and Wayne roads (S.O.N./Save Our Neighborhood) presented their opposition to the proposed rezoning of the last piece of undeveloped property in the area from R-1 (residential/single family) to P.U.D. which will include anything from single family

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units for seniors to apartment living with amenities and on-site businesses. What was called "assisted living" in a three-story complex at the beginning of the meeting, was changed to "contract living" by the end of the meeting.

Kudos to the residents who spoke. Their valiant effort to pull a presentation together in one month's time was factual, passionate and poignant. They were obviously coming up against Goliath, as some members of the city council were aware of this development project as far back as 2006. Clearly, squeezing this large project into quiet, residential settings, raises questions. While taking a drive down Central City Parkway where empty buildings and large spaces flanked by mature tree growth abound, one can only imagine how nice this project would fit in as well as provide improvement and redevelopment for some of Westland's blighted areas. There would be no single family residents who suddenly are going to have 180 new neighbors over their back fence and three stories up.

While the comment was made that the council members represent the "will of the people," more importantly, they are the stewards of Westland on many levels. Since 2006, they have heard only one man's idea of what could be and the vision he proposed. To be good stewards, some investigation and mind expansion on many levels needed to be addressed. When council members state that residents on one particular street will not even be impacted, what are they thinking? Should we be wearing blinders? When the city council addresses issues all across Westland every month, some of us are impacted no matter where we live.

The term "neighbor" goes beyond a few houses, one block, or the next stop light. Perhaps it's time for all Westland neighbors to prepare now for when it's their turn to be in David's shoes.

Jacquie Norton  
Westland

### Citizens were ignored

I don't know if it was in error in this paper as the other paper claims, but on the topic of the rezoning, the citizens' concerns were only changing the zoning from R-1 to a PUD. It was not the concern of a three-story building in their neighborhood. It was the total disregard to the increase traffic, the down size of the lots, the total lack of any of the current ordinances under R-1 compared to a PUD. They (the administration, mayor, council and planning board) can say it any way they want, but it comes down to the citizens don't count, money does.

Where in either article was the concern the citizens had for traffic? Where was it stated about their concern with smaller lots and large homes including duplexes? These do not comply with the surrounding area. And there is no way a developer can sue, if a zone isn't changed. That's why cities have zoning, so that I or anyone else can't tear down their home or even redesign it to have a warehouse, storefront or, as in some cities, run a car repair garage or beauty

shop out of their garage or basement. No, in my opinion and many others, I'm sure this is another case of the developer knowing the right people to get their way.

I am just amazed at the way things are spun in this community and I suppose a good many others are, too. I know there are a lot of us who are tired of the total lack of respect for the citizens. I realize this isn't the first time this has happened, but it should never happen when the citizens question the development happening just that they wanted it developed the way it was zoned when they bought their homes. Mr. Shaw said it wasn't economical to develop under the R-1 zoning, but who will reimburse the residents whose value goes down with this development? I suspect no one! Just remember this can happen anywhere. What will happen to some of this unique neighborhoods where none of the houses look alike? Will they be told they don't conform so all will be demolished in the name of progress to build clone-like homes in closed communities? Urban renewal and *The Stepford Wives* all in one.

Judy McKinney  
Westland

### Don't push kids

I read the articles about full-day kindergarten. I am not a believer for many reasons, many subjective, but the overwhelming objective reason is that not all kids are emotionally and intellectually mature enough to handle all day.

Whether it's all-day kindergarten or the now mandated rigorous graduation requirements some thought has to be given to the "maturity" of the kids. I don't have an answer for that or how that can be done because every kid learns differently. When they are ready and open they will learn. Forcing the issue doesn't help.

I do think the state missed the boat, although the goals of the graduation requirements are laudable, they needed to think about phase in implementation, and reworking benchmarks from the ground up as opposed to from the top down.

Liz Fellows  
West Bloomfield

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# Some news is gloomy, but most residents still have hope for state

The Midwest Democracy Institute has taken a new poll of 400 Michiganders, and it predictably strikes a dismal note, but one that contains some surprising grounds for optimism.

First, the grim news:



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■ Only about one out of six of us (16 percent) think the state is "on the right track."

■ Distrust in state government has risen over the last two years; nearly three out of four of us (73 percent) say they only trust state government some of the time ... or almost never.

■ Barely one in five (21 percent) think Gov. Jennifer Granholm is doing a good job, while a mere tenth of us (11 percent) think the Legislature is doing well.

None of this will surprise anyone who has been following state affairs for the last few years and is familiar with the usual drumbeat of doubt and depression from all sides.

But embedded in the survey is this remarkable finding: "At the same time, many continue to have an abiding faith in the ability to change state government to be less influenced by moneyed interests and more responsive and accountable to constituents."

"A large majority (77 percent) expresses personal interest in an organization that works toward making state government work better by being more honest and accountable, and over half of Michigan residents (54 percent) say they are extremely interested."

That fits well with what the Michigan's Defining Moment (MDM) campaign has discovered over the last six months. In that time, it has held nearly 200 community conversations, small group "deliberative democracy" gatherings all over the state. (Full disclosure here: I founded the nonprofit, nonpartisan sponsoring organization, The Center for Michigan, and I'm a co-chair of the campaign.)

Attitudes expressed in these meetings are decidedly not a scientific poll. Nor are they top-down ideological statements of revealed truth (if any such things exist). Instead, they're the thoughtful reflections of nearly 2,000 Michiganders, who attempted to define their hopeful vision for the state, as well as share their thoughts about how best to achieve that vision.

The results have just been released in a report, "Michigan's Defining Moment: A Common Ground Vision for Michigan's Transformation." In the main, the findings are pretty straightforward.

People want a talented and globally competitive workforce; a thriving economy and a great quality of life attracting talented people to Michigan; and a state government that is effective, efficient and accountable. (You can

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find the full report on The Center's Web site, [www.thecenterformichigan.com](http://www.thecenterformichigan.com).)

The Midwest Democracy Network advocates campaign finance reform and transparency in government. Among the proposals that got top marks in its poll:

■ Requiring judges to publicly disclose campaign contributions, as well as requiring them to step aside when cases before them involve parties who contributed to their campaigns. (This will likely be a big issue this fall, when Chief Justice Clifford Taylor of the Michigan Supreme Court — recently rated as among the worst in the country — is up for election. Democrats have vowed to try to defeat him.)

■ Establish nonpartisan commissions to draw new district boundaries when needed, normally following the U.S. Census every decade. (Along with lengthening or abolishing term limits, fixing our redistricting system comes out high in MDM community conversations. The vast majority of Michigan legislative districts are gerrymandered to favor one party or the other.)

Six out of 10 Michiganders felt a package of reforms will make a "big difference" in how their government works. Interestingly, many legislators feel the same way. Over the past few months, I've had six small, confidential, off-the-record dinners with lawmakers from both parties. To a person, they are hard-working, interested in doing the right things, frustrated with a political system that tends to push them into scoring partisan political points rather than governing wisely.

True enough, this poll, like many others, looks grim on the surface. But if you look a bit below the surface, lots of folks are interested in reforming the system and willing to work hard to do it.

Correcting the record: My column last week chastised Gov. Granholm for not adopting Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's idea for a four-day, 10-hour work week to save gas. Turns out she released a letter urging state departments to do exactly that, one day before my column was published.

I'm pleased she did the sensible thing to help preserve a little fuel, while helping state employees save a lot of gas money.

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# Prenatal, preschool years vital to success in school

As a retired elementary teacher and reading consultant, I agree with Hugh Gallagher's premise that "the educational journey needs to begin early and last a lifetime." I agree that we must put more



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emphasis on preschool education, especially for low-income groups. Waiting until later years, or high school, is simply too late, no matter how much money and goodwill we put into it.

Unfortunately, the vast majority of educators who talk about educational reform, focus in other areas and seem to equate it with additional funding. They believe that, if we just spend more money, things will get better. For example, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the *New York Times* (whom you quote in your article) both talk about the need for smaller high schools, more teachers training and making college preparatory education available to all. This will cost millions of additional dollars. The United States already spends more money on education than any other nation in the world; unfortunately, our children are falling further and further behind in literacy rates. Equating money with educational progress simply hasn't worked for us.

I think it is about time we stopped looking at pricey programs that have been found wanting in the past and go back to the beginning and take a new look at the research regarding the value of prenatal and preschool learning. We can start with the recognition that the most important years in the life of a child are the nine months before birth, and the five years before kindergarten, and build our programs around these periods. Using these two periods as a basis, we need to educate prospective parents so that they can be more involved in the education of their children before they come to school.

A growing body of research today clearly demonstrates that learning — real learning — takes place before birth. This new research demonstrates that speech and reading capacities are laid as early as the first two or three months of pregnancy, and that the womb is indeed the developing child's first classroom. As the National Children's Reading Foundation put it, "The physical capacity to read is hard-wired in the brain before birth."

We might use nature as a prime example. We learned long ago that, if we want healthy plants, a greener lawn, or better fruit, we must make every effort that the growing

environment is enriched to build a solid root system. To wait until the plant is nearly grown is too late for good results. The same is true for children. To get off to a healthy start in life, they need care and educational nutrients prior to birth and prior to school.

A good healthy prenatal environment doesn't cost a cent. It takes time and effort on the part of the mother, who needs little or no training. It includes simple and natural tasks such as reading and talking to the baby, stroking the baby in the womb, singing songs, thinking positive thoughts and staying healthy. None of these activities cost the mother or society a single cent, but will reap benefits for a lifetime.

After the baby's birth, the child needs positive preschool experiences such as exposure to language and song, reading aloud to the child on a regular basis, recognition of letters of the alphabet and positive reinforcement. With these experiences, the child has an excellent chance of being successful in school. Ignore these two important periods in the child's life and the child will have little chance of success in his/her lifetime.

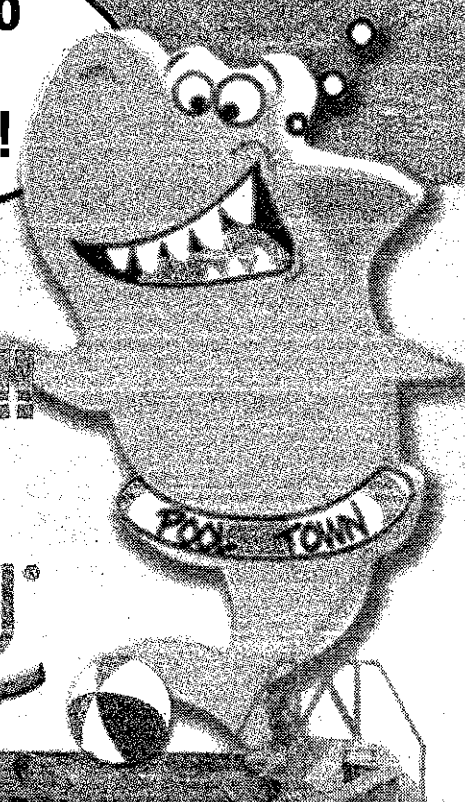
It is a well-known fact, for example, that the child who is exposed to books and language experiences before coming to school has a tremendous advantage over the child with little exposure. The child exposed to early learning activities generally retains that advantage for the rest of his/her years in school. Getting off to a good start in school is one of the most important things a parent can do for a child.

To make this successful, we want parents to be the first educators, not the state. The more the state becomes involved, the less responsibility for the parents and the less results for the children. Politicians, teachers, doctors, churches, newspapers, instead of pleading for more and more money to improve education at a later date, where it will be less effective, need to get back to where it all begins and educate parents and perspective parents about their need to be personally involved in the education of their children. We have known for some time now that the more the parents are involved in education, the better it works out for the child.

I conclude by encouraging all teachers, parents and parents-to-be to become informed about the recent findings about the value of prenatal and preschool education and how it effects learning. It's fascinating reading and it works.

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# Buy low, sell high and don't panic when the market slumps

I gave a speech last week and in attendance was a number of very nervous investors. One man said that with high oil prices, high food prices, the falling dollar and rising unemployment, he couldn't understand why I would recommend anyone continue to invest. He said it will take a long time to turn the economy around and it would be more prudent to stay on the sidelines.

I recognize many investors are nervous about the economy. However, it is not prudent to liquidate and to sit on the sidelines. It may feel good in the short run, but over the long run it will cost you.

It is important for all investors to realize we have gone through difficult times before, including the stock market crash of 1987, the meltdown in the technology market, the



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that has always happened is our economy has come out of the doldrums and not only regained strength, but plowed ahead to reach all-time highs.

The reality of the situation is that downturns are normal and it is something that investors not only have to accept, but should be looking to for the opportunities that generally abound.

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savings and loan crisis and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. In fact, over the last 20-25 years, despite the difficulties, we have seen the stock market rise.

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The reality of the situation is that downturns are normal and it is something that investors not only have to accept, but should be looking to for the opportunities that generally abound.

It would be great to be in the

market when things are good and out when times are bad. However, as Warren Buffet has stated in the past, the hall of fame of market timers is empty. It is impossible to predict the market over short periods. After all, you have to be right twice — once when you buy and once when you sell — and no one can do that consistently.

Most will tell you the key to success as an investor is to buy low and sell high. I agree. However, most investors operate the exact opposite way. Most sell low and buy high.

The reason they sell low is because when we go through times like this, they bail out of their investments (selling low). They wait until the market has a significant run to get back in, thus buying high.

I don't know when the market will regain its strength and start growing. I don't believe anyone knows. One thing his-

tory has taught me is those who stay invested, focus on long-term goals and objectives and who keep a balanced and diversified portfolio will be successful.

There is an old saying: "Your portfolio is like a bar of soap: the more you touch it, the smaller it gets."

If your goal, like mine, is

to increase net worth during these difficult times, the best course of action is to not panic and make prudent moves.

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## Thurston athletic director victim of budget cuts

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The man who oversaw myriad recent renovations to Redford Thurston's athletics complex — such as a new football field, refurbished gymnasium and swimming pool and construction of an auxiliary gym — lost his job Monday thanks to budget cuts by the South Redford Board of Education.

Al Chambo, who just finished his eighth year as athletic director of the district (including Thurston and Pierce Middle School), was one of two administrators laid off to help the

district deal with a \$2 million budget shortfall for 2008-09.

South Redford faced a June 30 deadline to approve a balanced budget. Several classroom instructors throughout the district also were let go.

Chambo was instrumental in helping get a \$32.65 million bond issue approved by South Redford voters in May 2005 that included installation of a turf football field as well as new running track plus a new competitive gymnasium that opened last fall.

The auxiliary gym drew raves from coaches for minimizing scheduling problems stemming

from the 2007 court-mandated switch of seasons, a decision resulting in boys and girls basketball taking place at the same time of the year.

Thurston principal Bill Zolkowski did not respond to a request for comment on Chambo's layoff prior to Tuesday night's deadline.

Chambo, 49, a Garden City resident who also taught five years at Thurston before being named athletic director, would not discuss the situation other than to say in an e-mail that "At this particular time I have no

Please see **CHAMBO, B4**



Al Chambo last September discusses extensive renovations made in athletics facilities at Redford Thurston through a 2005 bond issue he helped oversee. The veteran athletic director in the South Redford district was laid off Monday due to budget cuts.

## SideLines

### Canton 5K run

The inaugural Run for Canton's History 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held Sunday, July 20, at 8 a.m. with the starting line at historic Cherry Hill Village.

Registration for the event will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

The entry fee is \$20 through July 16 and \$22 the day of the race. All participants will receive a custom shirt and a Canton Historical Society membership. Awards will be presented to the top male and female finishers.

Runners can register at the Summit on the Park, which is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For more information, call the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600 or send an e-mail to [mike.hoffmeister@canton-mi.org](mailto:mike.hoffmeister@canton-mi.org).

### Softball sign-ups

The second session of slow-pitch softball leagues at the Canton Softball Center begins July 13. Leagues of all ability levels will be offered.

Registration forms can be found at [www.csc.canton-mi.org](http://www.csc.canton-mi.org). League schedules include 18 games plus playoffs. The team registration fee is \$800 in addition to a \$12 umpire fee that is paid weekly prior to each game.

For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

### Special offer for GCYBSA

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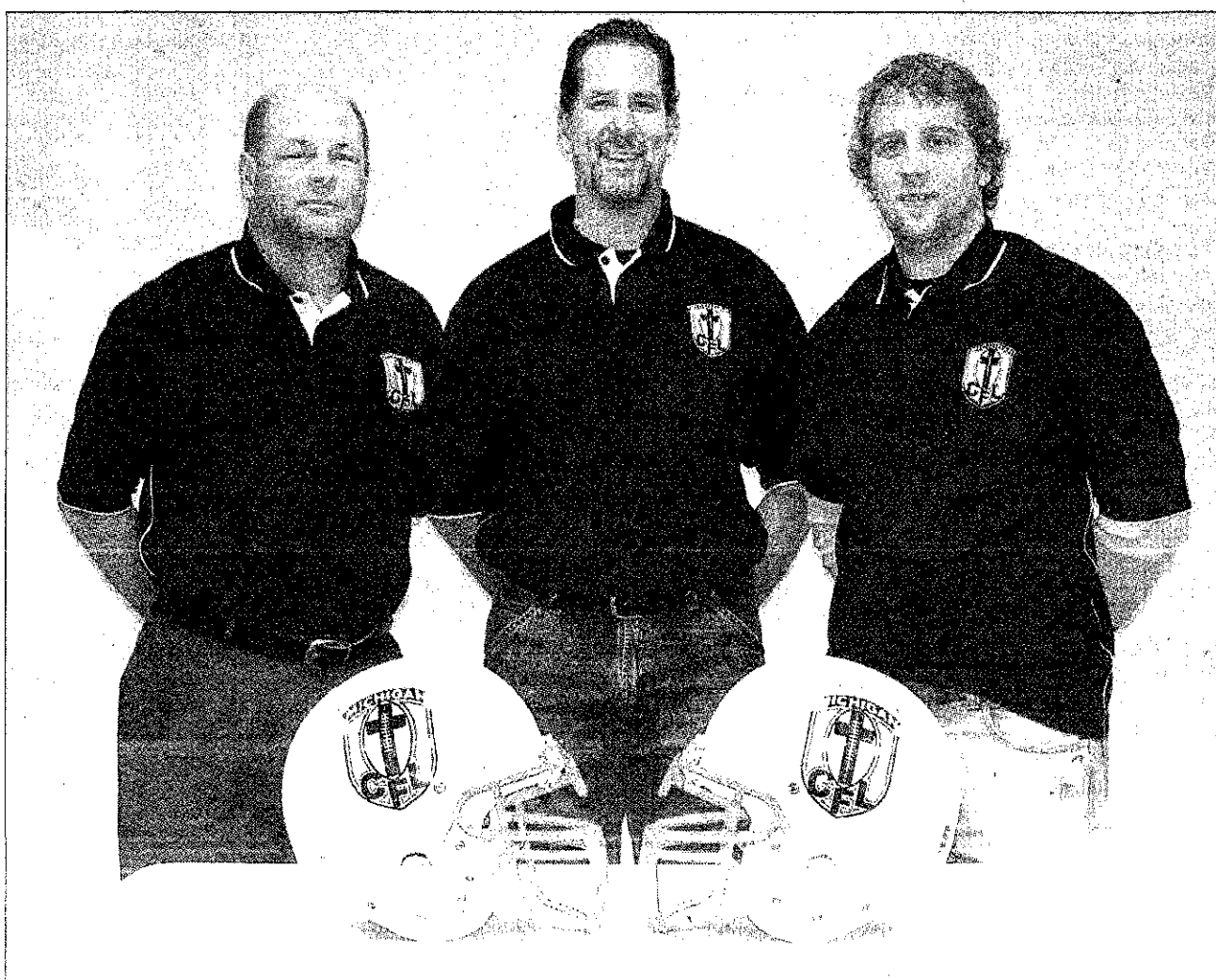
Teams can use Precision's indoor baseball and softball training facility for two hours — including field rental and an Iron Mike batting cage — for just \$10 per player.

To reserve a spot, call (734) 459-5921 and ask for the GCYBSA deal.

### RU Wing T camp

Redford Union is hosting the Panther Wing T-camp for football players entering high school this fall.

It runs 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, through Friday, Aug. 1. For more information, call Miles Tomasaitis at (313) 575-4753.



Members of the Christian Football League of Michigan's leadership committee include (from left) Bill Rider Jr., Boyd Meyers and Scott Hyde.

## 1ST & MANY GOALS TO GO

New league offers opportunities to Christian school and home-schooled gridders.

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Prayers have been answered for hundreds of Michigan high school students whose desire to play football was sapped in the past because they attended small Christian schools or no school at all.

The Christian Football League of Michigan will break its initial huddle beginning the first weekend in September with seven teams — one based in Plymouth — whose rosters will be filled mostly by students who attend schools that don't offer football and home-schooled students.

The league, which is not affiliated with the Michigan High School Athletic Association, is the brainchild of Saline resident Boyd Meyers, a former walk-on football player at Michigan State University, whose primary goal is to give more kids a chance to learn the invaluable life lessons that can be taught on the gridiron.

"When I was researching the idea of starting something like this, I ran

across a league in Georgia that offered football to kids who didn't have an outlet to play otherwise," said Meyers, the CFLM's president. "I figured, if it can work in Georgia, why not here?"

Meyers' tireless efforts to get the league off the ground have been rewarded with widespread interest.

In addition to the seven teams that will begin play in September — Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Flint, Lansing, Muskegon, North Branch and Troy — several other communities have received commitments from enough players to field a team.

"However, some areas are holding off because they're afraid that if the kids play football, it will take too many players from the boys soccer teams," said Meyers. "We're going to address that conflict by offering a boys soccer league in the spring so that students can play football and not miss out on soccer."

Meyers admitted the planning stages of the new leagues have been accompanied by some growing pains. "The most difficult part of putting

### THE SCOOP ON THE CFLM

**What:** Christian Football League of Michigan;  
**Who:** The first-year league consists of seven teams representing Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Flint, Lansing, Muskegon, North Branch and Troy; teams will consist mostly of Christian school students and home-schooled students;  
**When:** The league is set to kick off in early September with a triple-header at EMU's Rynearson Stadium;  
**Where:** Week 2 games will be played in Flint; the sites for the remainder of the season have yet to be determined;  
**For more information:**  
Visit [www.cflm.com](http://www.cflm.com).

this league together has been the fact that it's like a full-time job even though I already work a full-time job," said Meyers, who works for the Michigan Department of Corrections. "Another challenge is the fact that we're starting out with zero resources."

"It's been challenging and exciting at the same time."

Meyers said the Christian-based league is not limited to kids who

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## Florida picks Jenks in the fourth round

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Following this past weekend's National Hockey League Entry Draft, A.J. Jenks' future appears to be as bright as Florida sunshine.

The Plymouth Whaler forward and native of Wolverine Lake was selected by the Florida Panthers in the fourth round of the draft.

Fellow Whaler Michal Jordan, a defenseman, was taken five picks later by the Carolina Hurricanes.

Jenks, who graduated from Plymouth High School on June 15, registered 26 goals and 29 assists with 94 penalty minutes this past season for the Whalers. He also played a key role in the team's 2006-07 Ontario Hockey League championship run when he netted nine net-finders and 14 helpers in 68 games.

Jenks watched the draft at home along with several family members and friends.

"Actually, I didn't hear my name called because my agent called me a few minutes before and told me the Panthers had drafted me," the 6-foot-2, 210-pound Jenks said. "I was expecting to go a little higher (draft-specific Web sites projected he'd be taken anywhere from the first through third rounds), but it's still very exciting to be drafted."

"The Panthers' assistant general manager called me later that day and said they were excited to be able to get me as late in the draft as they did."

Jenks offered the following advice to young hockey players who dream of someday hearing their name called out on draft day.

"Stick with it and have fun," said Jenks. Ironically, former Whalers head coach Pete DeBoer was hired as the Panthers' head coach last week.

Jordan, a 6-1, 181-pound defenseman, compiled six goals and 22 assists in 61 games with Plymouth and Windsor this season.

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Plymouth Whaler forward A.J. Jenks, a recent graduate of Plymouth High School, was drafted in the fourth round of this past weekend's NHL Draft by the Florida Panthers.

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## 2008 ALL-OBSERVER BASEBALL FIRST-TEAM

**Will Tidwell, Sr., P, Canton:** The Hillsdale College-bound pitcher compiled a stellar 7-1 record with a 2.29 earned run average. His lone loss was a 2-1 setback to Plymouth. He chalked up six complete games and finished second on the team with a .375 batting average.

"Will was our most consistent pitcher all year long and was voted our team MVP," said Canton coach Mark Blomshield. "He gave our team a great chance to win when he was on the mound because of his ability to throw a lot of strikes with all of his pitches."

**Ryan Baglow, Sr., P, Lutheran Westland:** The senior right-hander posted school-record mark 8-0 this season with one save in leading the 25-8 Warriors to the Division 4 state finals.

Baglow, the school record holder for career wins (24), was a control pitcher allowing just 12 walks while fanning 44. He gave up only 17 earned runs (six earned). His ERA was 0.63.

"Mr. Consistency is Ryan," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said of the Division 4 second-team All-Stater and All-Metro Conference choice. "He'll make a bad pitch once in awhile, but he always seems to hit his spots and leaves pitchers guessing at what is coming next."

**Angelo Zoccoli, Sr., P, Garden City:** Zoccoli was outstanding all season, keeping the Cougars in virtually every game he pitched. He compiled a record of 7-2 with a 2.04 earned-run average and showed excellent poise (just 22 walks in 58 innings, along with 40 strikeouts).

"Zoccoli obviously was our horse on the mound and our leader offensively," said Cougars' head coach Steve Herman.

Garden City's team MVP hit .380, scored 28 runs, drove in 14 and ripped eight doubles and played flawless shortstop when not pitching. Zoccoli earned All-Mega Red and All-District honors.

**Dan Abbott, Sr., C, Lutheran Westland:** The senior catcher batted .478 with 10 doubles, two triples, two homers and 31 RBI. He also scored 29 runs.

"What a breakout year for Dan," Wade said of the All-Metro Conference choice. "In the off-season, he hit the weights hard and lost some weight and it made a big difference in his game."

"He can hit to all fields and with such a strong arm, teams have found it difficult to run on him. He did a great job calling games for his us this year. He always seems to call the right pitches."

**Brian Corner, Sr., C, Red Thurston:** The hard-nosed senior was Thurston's MVP, was named to the All-Mega Blue team and led the Eagles in virtually every category, said head coach Bob Snell, adding that he "provided a lot of leadership" for younger players on the squad.

Corner batted .417, scored 35 runs, knocked in 29 runs and had a .681 slugging percentage. Behind the plate, he threw out 17 would-be base-stealers and fielded at a .948 clip. In a district win over Clarenceville, Corner tripled, doubled and



Salem junior Sam Ott earned All-Observer honors after hitting .427 this past season.

drove in five. **Tyler Bledsoe, Jr., C, Liv. Churchill:** The junior catcher earned first-team All-Area honors for the second straight year after hitting .411 (39-for-95) including six doubles, a triple and homer. He finished with 26 RBI and struck out only seven times.

"Tyler was our offensive and defensive leader this season," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said of the All-Lakes Division pick. "He led the team in hits and was second in RBI."

"What was even more important was how Tyler handled the pitchers when he was behind the plate. He seemed to take control of the game and have a very calming effect on the pitchers. His improvement the last two years, especially defensively, has been fun to watch. I'm looking forward to good things next season from Tyler."

**Sam Vomastek, Sr., INF, Liv. Stevenson:** The senior infielder and catcher hit .398 (35-for-88) with an impressive on-base percentage of .465.

"Sam is a very smart baseball player with a terrific work ethic," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said of the All-Western Lakes selection.

**Garrett Gumm, Jr., SS, Liv. Franklin:** The junior finished with a .472 batting average en route to All-Western Division honors.

Among his 45 hits including nine doubles, a triple and three homers. He also scored 37 runs. "Garrett has been our shortstop for the past two seasons," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "He's the best student of the game on our team and was a huge part in our postseason run. He led the team in many offensive categories including homers, RBI, walks and stolen bases. He will continue to grow as a player."

**Sam Ahlersmeyer, Jr., 3B, Lutheran Westland:** The senior third baseman batted .469 with 53 hits, including 15 doubles, four triples and three homers. He finished with 47 RBI and scored 37 runs.

"When Sam was a freshman up on the varsity you would have thought he was a junior because of his size," Wade said of the All-Metro and second-team All-State choice. "He is

a very strong kid. After missing most of his sophomore year with a broken wrist, most would have thought he would need some time to get his timing back, but that wasn't the case at all.

"Sam has had a phenomenal year at the plate setting school records for hits in a season (53) and for RBI (47). The scary part he's only a junior."

**Sam Ott, Jr., OF, Salem:** The junior center fielder was one of the primary catalysts of the Rocks' resurgent season as he compiled a .427 batting average with 28 RBI and 37 runs scored. He also stole a team-high 24 bases without being thrown out once — and served as the team's closer. Ott is just one of four players in the history of Salem to play on the varsity squad as a freshman.

"In my opinion, Sam is a five-tool player and he certainly was one of the leaders on our team," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "He's arguably one of the best players to play at Salem, plus he has a huge upside."

**David Harvey, Sr., OF, Plymouth:** The senior tore up opposing pitching to the tune of a .449 batting average. He not only reached base at a .530 clip, but displayed spurts of power with three home runs and 20 RBI.

"David Harvey is the consummate student-athlete," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "More importantly, he's an even better person."

**Chris Gazley, Sr., At-Large, Redford Union:** The three-year starter was named the Panthers' MVP for the second straight season and he also earned All-Mega White, All-District and All-Region honors.

Gazley led the team with a .442 batting average, also leading the squad with 50 hits and 39 RBI. He also played well defensively at several positions and was the team's pitching ace (6-5, 1.88, 82 strikeouts in 70 innings).

"Chris was one of the most dependable everyday players I have seen," said RU head coach Mike Taylor. "He's one of those players that I will remember for the rest of my life because of what he did for this program."

**Jesse Carpenter, Sr., At-Large, Liv. Franklin:** The senior was named Franklin's MVP based

## 2008 ALL-OBSERVER BASEBALL

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- C - Tyler Bledsoe, Jr., Liv. Churchill
- INF - Sam Vomastek, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
- SS - Garrett Gumm, Jr., Liv. Franklin
- 3B - Sam Ahlersmeyer, Jr., Lutheran Westland
- OF - Sam Ott, Jr., Salem
- OF - David Harvey, Sr., Plymouth
- AL - Chris Gazley, Sr., Redford Union
- AL - Jesse Carpenter, Sr., Liv. Franklin
- AL - Ben Vaughn, Sr., Canton

### SECOND TEAM

- P - Robert Fraser, Sr., Westland Glenn
- P - Derek Fleetham, Sr., Lutheran Westland
- C - Brent Zinn, Jr., Ply. Christian
- C - Dan Stoney, Jr., Canton
- IB - Chris Conroy, Sr., Garden City
- INF - Ricky Scully, Jr., Liv. Churchill
- SS - Jared Miller, Sr., Agape Christian
- SS - Brad Lineberry, Jr., Plymouth
- 3B - Mike Basner, Jr., Liv. Franklin
- INF - Dan Mischevich, Sr., Redford Union
- OF - Andrew Deluca, Jr., John Glenn
- OF - Paul Cole, Sr., Garden City
- OF - Zeb Hancock, Jr., Wayne
- OF - Steve Greenawald, Sr., Redford Union
- AL - Charles Melvin, Soph., Red Thurston
- AL - Joe Posler, Jr., Salem

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Kevin Wade, Lutheran Westland

### HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Shea Dwyer; Stevenson: Jake Wilson, Jeff Sorenson; Westland: John Glenn; Chris Kangas, Jon Gillis; Wayne Memorial: Jon Bryant, Tim Siegfried; Lutheran Westland: Austin Baglow, Aaron Derminer, Nate Bachert; Clarenceville: Tyler Hendrickson; Huron Valley Lutheran: Ryan Jones; Canton: Ryan Neu, Kevin Delapaz; Matt Barylski, Seth Tschetter; Salem: Chris Kordick, Heath Parling, Dana Lorber, Justin Berger; Plymouth: Matt Skubik, Cliff Buttermore; Garrett Rebin; Garden City: Brad Bond, David Ciciora, Max Stratton; Redford Union: Matt Macsek, Bobby Ray, Keith London, Julian Rivera, Dylan Bross, Ross Holmes; Redford Thurston: Jeremy Wafer, Ryan Smith, Aaron McMann; Plymouth Christian Academy: Jonathan Slater, Trevor Zinn, Kevin Bottorff, Charles Cane; Canton Agape: Ty Majeski, Brandon Pierson.

on his .370 batting average and his 9-4 record on the mound. Carpenter won four games during postseason play as the Patriots reached the Division 1 regional final. In 74.1 innings, he had 60 strikeouts and 38 walks with a 2.57 ERA.

The All-Western Division selection also collected 10 doubles, a pair of triples, 24 RBI and 24 runs scored. "Jesse is a great competitor who gives you everything he has every game," Fournier said. "He has great character. He moved from the outfield to the infield to make our team better."



Will Tidwell, Sr. Canton



Ryan Baglow, Sr. Lutheran Westland



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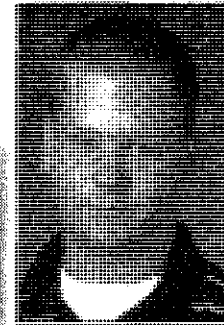
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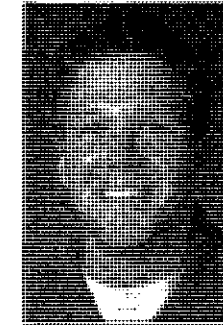
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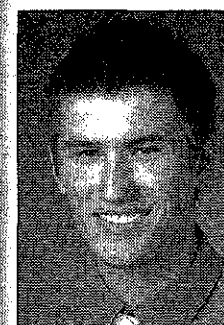
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Jesse Carpenter, Sr. Liv. Franklin



Ben Vaughn, Sr. Canton



Kevin Wade, Lutheran Westland coach

### Ben Vaughn, Sr., At-Large, Canton:

Vaughn was productive at the plate and on the mound as he led the Chiefs to their first District title since 1989. The senior hit .398 with a .470 on-base percentage. On the mound, the hard-throwing right-hander registered 55 strikeouts in 35 innings pitched while recording a 3-3 record.

"Ben was our top hitter and possibly our best all-around player," said Blomshield. "He could pitch, play infield and outfield with equal skill. He has a power arm that can get his fastball into the high-80s while touching 90 at times."

### COACH OF THE YEAR

**Kevin Wade, Lutheran Westland:** The fourth-year coach led the Warriors to their most productive season in school history, finishing 25-8, including a runner-up finish in the Division 4 state tournament after winning the regional championship with a 3-2 upset of No. 1-ranked and 29-0 Grosse Pointe

### Woods University-Liggett.

"Just to be even mentioned as Coach of Year is an honor," said Wade, whose team set nine school records. "It was a humbling experience for me. It was an unbelievable and unforgettable year because so many players stepped up big. It quite an amazing run, something I'll never forget. What an experience it was to be with the kids and coach them. And they made my experience that much easier."

Wade is a 1997 graduate from Lutheran Westland who played three sports (football, baseball and basketball). He graduated from Concordia University in Ann Arbor 2001.

Wade has also coached the Lutheran Westland varsity girls volleyball and girls basketball the past two years. He won districts this year in volleyball, basketball and baseball and his overall record for the three sports during the past two years is a combined 126-39.

# Rams sweep Detroit Eagles

The Michigan Rams continue to surge in the Michigan Collegiate Baseball League, sweeping the Detroit Eagles three straight including a 4-0 win Monday at soggy Ford Field in Livonia.

That was following a double-header sweep Saturday on the same diamond giving the Rams five straight wins.

Aaron Wick was the winning pitcher Monday, going the first five innings and tossing a two-hitter.

He struck out four and walked one before James Bertakis came on to earn the save, allowing two hits over the final two innings.

Brad Herman went 2-for-2 with a double and triple to lead the 20-and-under Rams, who improved to 10-5 in the MCBL. Canton's Shawn Little

(Madonna University) and Ryan Abraham also knocked in runs.

Steve Washington went 2-for-3 for the Eagles (3-11), also a 20-and-under team.

Losing pitcher Andy Bryant gave up four runs on four hits in five innings. He had control issues, allowing seven walks and hitting a batter.

On Saturday, the Rams took both ends of the twinbill, 12-2 and 6-1.

In the opener, the Rams unloaded for 14 hits led by Joe Barnes (3-for-4; three RBI); Herman (3-for-3; RBI); and Frank Persichino (2-for-3; four RBI).

Also getting into the act was Brett Mazmanian (2-for-3; two RBI); Little (2-for-4; RBI); and Tim Cross (1-for-4 RBI).

Winning pitcher Brett

Shankin went the first five innings, allowing just two runs on five hits.

He struck out two and walked two. Closer Bret Spencer (MU) pitched a scoreless sixth with a pair of strikeouts and one walk.

Starter Rob Moffett took the loss for the Eagles, allowing nine runs on 11 hits.

D.J. Ziegler and B.B. Edwards each had an RBI for the Eagles.

In the nightcap, Colin O'Connell pitched a two-hitter and struck out eight over six innings to earn the victory for the Rams. Spencer finished up in the seventh.

Offensive leaders for the Rams included Mazmanian (2-for-4; RBI); Herman (2-for-3); Cross (two-run triple) and Derek Mosher (RBI).

## 2008 ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BASEBALL TEAMS

- Pitchers: David Uberti, Jr., Northville; Kevin Uetz, Sr., Northville.
- Catcher: Eric Glanz, Jr., Walled Lake Central.
- Infielders: Sam Vomastek, Sr., Livonia; Stevenson; Mike Basner, Jr., Livonia; Matt Deacon, Jr., Northville; Steve Anderson, Sr., Northville.
- Outfielders: Joe Mitchell, Sr., Northville; Cody

## ALL-WLAA BASEBALL TEAMS

- Rzeknik, Sr., W.L. Central; Andy Buchanan, Sr., Walled Lake Western.
- At-Large: Andy Tinkey, Jr., Walled Lake Northern.

- Pitchers: Will Tidwell, Sr., Canton; Mike Collins, Sr., Northville.
- Catcher: Dan Stoney, Jr., Canton.
- Infielders: Garrett Gumm, Jr., Franklin; Ben Vaughn, Sr., Canton; Brad Lineberry, Sr., Plymouth.
- Outfielders: Steve Astrien, Sr., W.L. Western; David Harvey, Sr., Plymouth; Damari

- Saunderson, Sr., Northville.
- At-Large: Jake Holloway, Jr., W.L. Western.
- ALL-LAKES DIVISION
- Pitchers: Joe Posler, Sr., Salem; Shea Dwyer, Sr., Livonia; Churchill.
- Catcher: Tyler Bledsoe, Jr., Churchill.
- Infielders: Matt Johnson, Sr., W.L. Central; Ricky Scully, Jr., Churchill; Danny Tursell, Jr., W.L. Northern; Heath Parling, Jr., Salem.
- Outfielders: Russ VanMaele, Sr., W.L. Northern; Sam Ott, Jr., Salem; Brian Runge, Sr., Churchill.
- At-Large: Robert Fraser, Sr., Westland; John Glenn.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

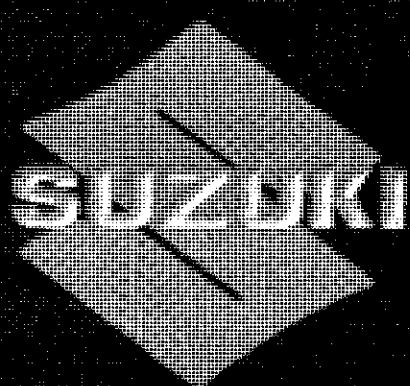
- MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE**
- Thursday, June 26 (at Livonia Stevenson H.S.)
- Blue Knights vs. Trailblazers, 5:45 p.m.
- Friday, June 27 (at Livonia's Ford Field)
- Mich. Bulls vs. Mich. Rams, 5:45 p.m.
- Mich. Monarchs vs. Blue Knights, 8:15 p.m. (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
- Trailblazers vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m.
- Mich. Dodgers vs. Thunder, 8:15 p.m.
- Sunday, June 29 (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
- Trailblazers vs. Det. Eagles (2), noon.
- Mich. Rams vs. Monarchs (2), 5 p.m. (at Livonia Stevenson H.S.)

- Blue Knights Dodgers (2), noon. (at Tecumseh, Ontario's LaCasse Park)
- Thunder vs. Mich. Bulls (2), noon.
- WOMEN'S INDEPENDENT FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS**
- Saturday, June 28
- Det. Demolition vs. Chicago Force at Holgren Athletic Complex (III), 3 p.m.
- UNITED SOCCER LEAGUES PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE W-LEAGUE SCHEDULE**
- Friday, June 27
- Mich. Hawks vs. Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever at Fort Wayne's Hefner Stadium, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, June 29
- Mich. Hawks vs. W. Mich. Firewomen at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 3 p.m.

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# CHAMBO

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comment on where I stand or the plans of the school board." Thurston football coach Bob Snell and boys basketball coach Brian Bates also could not be reached for comment.

## BIG LOSS FOR KIDS

But veteran boys swim coach Tom Giummo lamented losing such a dedicated advocate for student-athletes, let alone someone who often would be the first person at school and the last one to leave after that day's athletic events.

"If it wasn't for Al, we probably wouldn't have gotten that fabulous football field and fieldhouse, or the new gym," Giummo said Tuesday afternoon. "You need somebody on your side to oversee athletics. He's going to be missed."

Meanwhile, Chambo's outstanding performance to help get the 2005 bond issue approved — and then put a blueprint into action — partly earned him the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Region 12 Athletic Director of the Year in 2005-06.

Giummo, involved in athletics at Thurston since the early 1980s, said he does understand it is a tough economic time for all of the region, school districts included. He just hoped the budget trimmings could have avoided athletics.

"Things like this happen and you wish (money) could be cut from someplace else,"

Giummo said. "It's just a shame they have to take it out on the kids."

Giummo said Chambo worked tirelessly behind the scenes doing everything from making sure student-athletes maintained necessary minimum grade-point averages to participate on a team as well as keeping tabs on where kids stood on annual physicals and pay-to-play eligibility.

With two months before fall sports get under way, the South Redford board must act quickly to get the new administrative lineup in place.

The board could decide to move Chambo's many duties over to an assistant principal, but Giummo worried about the logistics of one person adding athletics to traditional administrative duties such as "grades, discipline and everything else."

According to Giummo, it is unfortunate that the budget cuts dealt a major blow to the athletic program.

"Athletics is an integral part of the high school program," Giummo said. "I think athletics and academics go hand in hand, ... they make a well-rounded student."

The timing of the layoff also means Thurston might not have an active voice in the upcoming weeks when the cloudy future of the Mega Conference beyond 2008-09 is determined.

"Now they're talking about disbanding the Mega," Giummo said. "Al was right there on that, looking out for our best interests."

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# Demolition opens vs. Chicago Force

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

If the Detroit Demolition repeats as Independent Women's Football League champion, they'll have to do it the hard way — opening on the road against unbeaten and Midwest Division champion Chicago Force.

The Demolition (7-1) will try and avenge their only loss of the season, 18-7 to the Force (8-0) in April.

Game time is 3 p.m. (CDT) Saturday at the Holmgren Athletic Complex in Chicago.

"We're a completely different team — and mindset — that lost

to the Force in April because now we're all comfortable in our positions and our roles," said Demolition coach Tony Blankenship in a Demolition press release. "We have gotten better each and every game and are confident that we're peaking when we should be — in the playoffs. We look forward to playing this game against Chicago, even on their field. This time it's personal."

The Force faces a Demolition squad that is running superbly on all cylinders on offense, scoring a total of 290 points including a 37-0 win June 14 over the Wisconsin Warriors in the

final regular season game at Livonia Franklin High School as quarterback Bridget Porter threw for three touchdowns and ran for another. Running back Kiana Dennis also gained 110 yards and scored a TD.

It was the sixth shutout this season for the Demolition, who have given up only 25 points all season as Dennis had seven tackles and one pass break-up from her linebacker position.

## Benefit car wash

To help defray travel expenses for their playoff road trip Saturday to Chicago, the Demolition will stage a car

wash from 2-9 p.m. Thursday at Sellers Buick Pontiac GMC, located at 38000 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills.

"For a sports team to be traveling throughout the playoffs entails a lot of expenses," Demolition owner Jeff Rose said in a press release. "So we're doing what we can to raise money for our travels as best we can and we thank one of our big sponsors, Sellers Buick Pontiac GMC for helping us and putting on this car wash."

For more information, call Steve Lipsen at (248) 496-9084; or visit [www.demolition.com](http://www.demolition.com).

# Michigan Bucks top Outrage at Kalamazoo

The Michigan Bucks recovered from an early miscue Saturday at Kalamazoo to score three second half goals in beating the Outrage, 3-1, at Mayor's Riverfront Park.

The Pontiac-based side with the Premier Development League's (PDL) best record spotted the home team a goal in the second minute of play, following a miscue in the Bucks' 6-yard box.

While preparing to clear what looked to be a harmless ball in front of the goal, captain Mike Holody fell victim to the less than perfect field conditions when the ball he went to clear jumped over his foot to a gracious Outrage striker Tom Warner, who calmly put the ball past Bucks keeper Steve Clark for a 1-0 lead.

The early goal didn't discourage the Bucks, who proceeded to

pound the ball at the Kalamazoo goal relentlessly for the entire first half. The half ended with the same score, but the momentum was clearly in the Bucks favor.

Besides missing three point blank range chances, Kenny Uzoigwe headed one off the cross bar and newcomer Billy Weaver dented the right post with a laser from ten yards away.

Bucks third-year head coach Dan Fitzgerald was pleased with the work rate in the first half but more impressed with the veteran team's patience.

"Sometimes in soccer you feel a bit snake bitten, like nothing is ever going to go in the back of the net," he said. "We could have scored four goals against Toronto and four more in the first half tonight — but the ball just wasn't going our way."

Right from the second-half kickoff, the Bucks worked speedy midfielder Ty Shipalane up and down the right flank.

Shipalane took the ball clear down the right side of the field, beat two defenders and crossed the ball to fellow South African and college teammate Nate Jafta, who did what he does best, with a deft touch, calmly slotting the ball waist high across the 6-yard box where he knew his running mate Kenny Uzoigwe would be anxiously waiting the feed.

The 6-foot-4 striker left his feet to meet Jafta's cross with a diving header to get the Bucks level in the 48th minute. Before the Bucks fans in the crowd finished celebrating their first goal in two games, Weaver took a ball from the left side and sent Jafta in alone

on Outrage goalkeeper Bobby Shuttleworth.

Jafta gave the keeper no chance in finishing his second goal of the season to go with his eight assists. Nate's goal came just 60 seconds after the first goal and put the visitors in front for good.

The Bucks' solid defense made amends for the early gift they gave the home side and held Kalamazoo to only one more shot the entire game.

Clark finished the game with one save, but was able to raise his record to a league leading 9-0 on the season. Defenders Kyle Russell and Dave Hertel held down the flanks with solid physical play, while newly acquired Adam Brent joined Holody as the two central defenders who shut down Kalamazoo's talented strikers.

# CHRISTIAN

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attend Christian schools or are home-schooled.

"It is not our intent to exclude anyone, but there are some parameters," he said. "There is a standard of play expected that would glorify Christ. We have standards for our coaches so they will be qualified to lead and model proper behavior for the players."

"In order to keep a Christian environment on each team, we will have a 'cap' for the number of kids coming from outside the Christian environment. We do not want a situation where ungodliness is the standard that Christian kids have to fight off. It should be the other

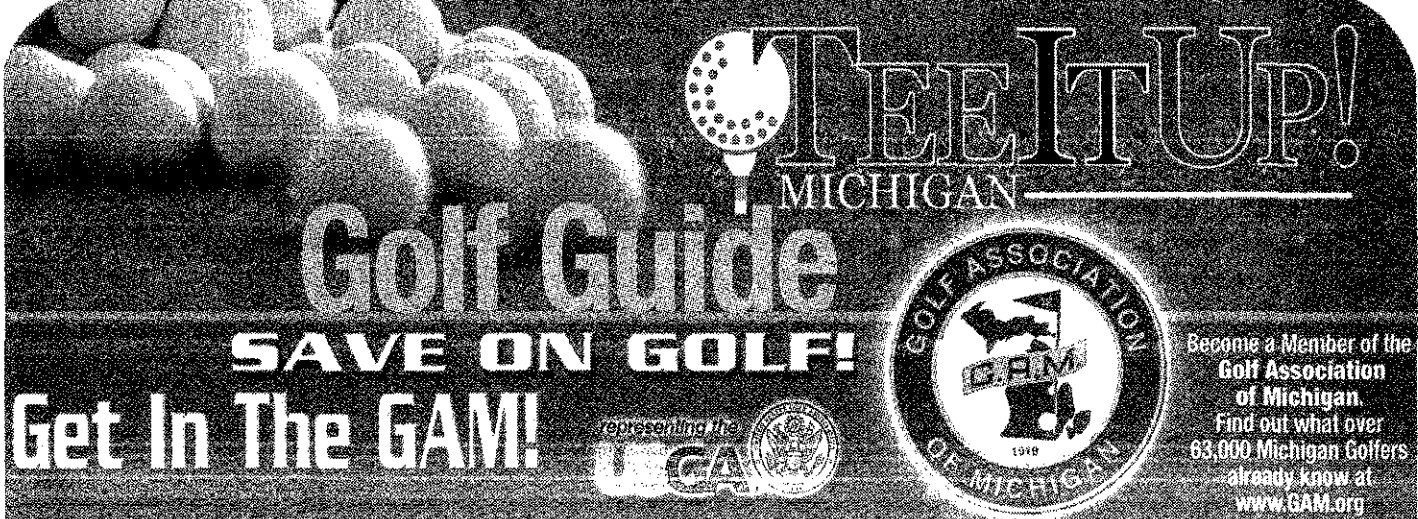
way around." Each of the seven teams will play at least seven games this season with one team receiving a bye each week.

All of the games will be played at the same site each week for the inaugural campaign, which will open with a triple-header at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium in September.

The second week's slate of games will be played in Flint. The fee for each player is \$150.

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## Chablis — the ideal unoaked chardonnay

**F**inding a number of California chardonnays to have heavy-handed oak, many wine lovers have opted for unoaked or no-oak chardonnays. Yet, reaction to these unoaked versions has been, "where have they been? Why did it take so long to make them?"



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Actually for centuries, unoaked chardonnays have come from the Chablis region of France. From Chablis, though, they have different characteristics — more floral, a lot more mineral with crisper acidity. Elegance and finesse are also a hallmark.

### FRANCE'S CHABLIS REGION

The Chablis region is the most northerly in Burgundy. Near the city of Auxerre, the Chablis vineyards are midway between Beaune and Paris. In the 19th century, there were more than 100,000 acres of vineyards in Chablis, but only 2,500 acres were planted to "beaunois," as the chardonnay was called then.

Along came phylloxera about 1885 and decimated the vines to such an extent that in 1960, there were barely 1,250 acres planted. After that, a flurry of plantings saw vineyard development in the best areas and those least vulnerable to frost damage. The best vineyards have a pebbly, clay-limestone composition derived from the Jurassic era, containing fossil oyster shells, which contribute the mineral (sometimes called flinty) character.

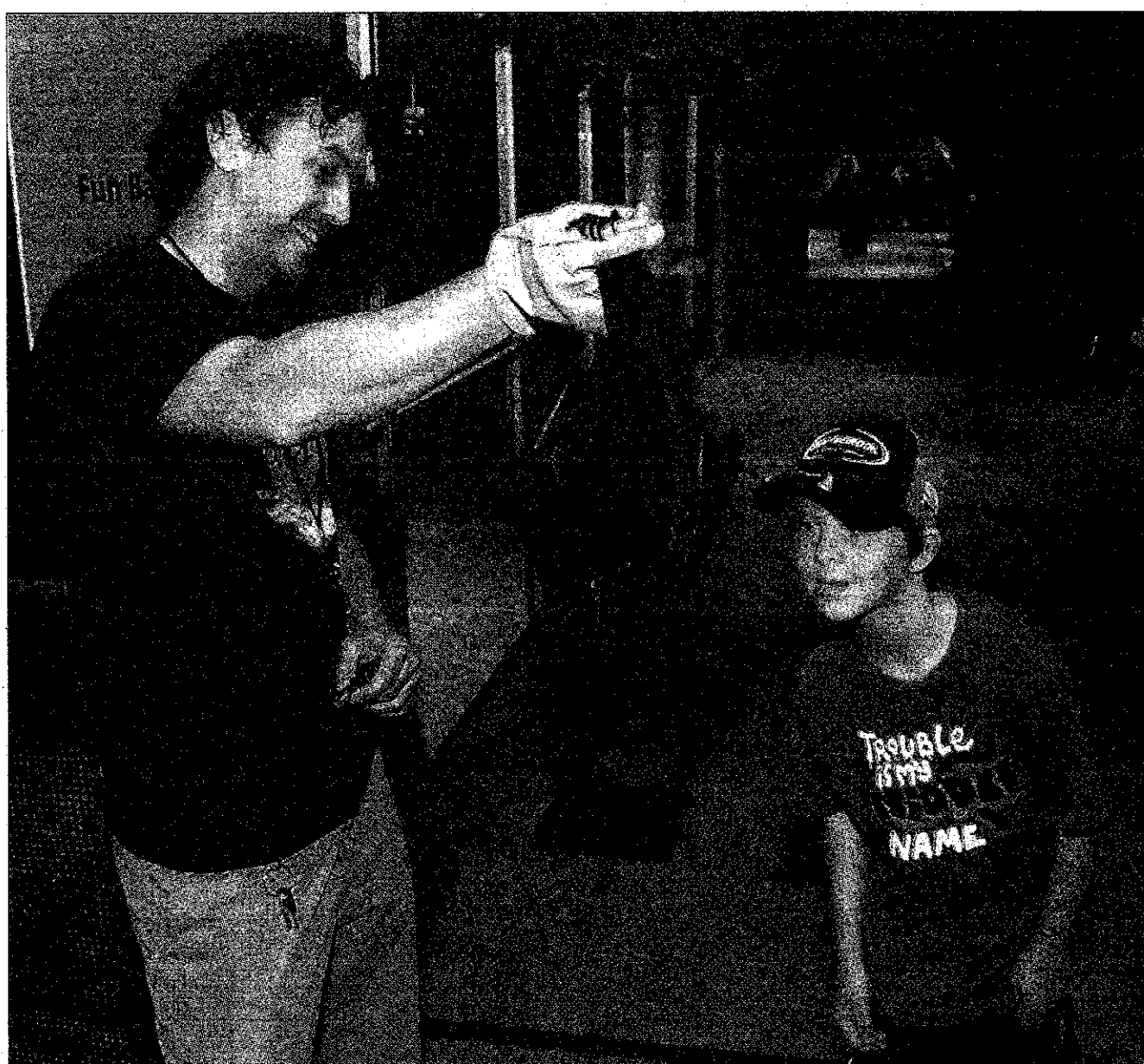
Chardonnay is the only variety permitted for wines with the Chablis Appellation Controlee. In descending order of quality, chablis is classified as Grand Cru, Premier Cru, Chablis and Petit Chablis. Essentially, forget the bottom category!

### MAISON JOSEPH DROUHI

To experience some of the best chardonnay from the Chablis region, choose a producer that has a passion for the appellation. Maison Joseph Drouhin is a good place to start your palate education. In ascending order, the following four wines are a good beginning.

■ Joseph Drouhin 2006 Chablis (\$20) is a wine to be enjoyed through 2009. It's fruity with some lemongrass, mint, peach and characteristic flintiness. Shellfish and fish, goat cheese and classic Caesar

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Rob Mies, Director of the Organization for Bat Conservation, holds up an Indian Flying Fox Bat for Lukas Sznawajs, 9, of Birmingham at the newly-opened exhibit at Cranbrook Science Institute.

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## Cranbrook 'bats' 1,000 with new exhibit

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Rob Mies wants to separate fact from fiction, dispel fears and myths, and prove just how important bats are to our world.

Six years ago the director of the Organization for Bat Conservation established a homebase at Cranbrook Institute of Science, making the local museum a sort of national headquarters for bat rescue and bat education. In addition to running Cranbrook's Bat Zone, Mies travels the country speaking to sell-out crowds about one of the world's most mysterious, and misunderstood, mammals.

Staff members from the organization and Cranbrook Institute have incorporated those live nocturnal animals along with the best elements of a traveling hands-on exhibit to create *Bats: Myths and Mysteries* now open at the science museum. By providing the most up-to-date information, the exhibit allow visitors to learn about bats — from their own backyards and beyond. "It's a one-of-a-kind experience," said Mies, a Bloomfield Hills resident.

The experience is divided into three segments. Visitors



Anthony Varnadore, 8, of Roseville tries on some bat ears to find out how well bats can hear at Cranbrook last week.

can experience echolocation, see a mechanical bat come to life and compare the enlarged skeleton of the world's only flying mammals to that of a human skeleton. Then, they can walk into a castle setting for a hanging bat's eye view of a medieval room and see humorous caricatures of bat myths crafted by Jack Davis of Mad Magazine fame. Bat's aren't prone to flying into one's hair and they aren't flying mice.

From there, five separate glassed-in exhibits will give

visitors a chance to see the real thing — from the oldest bat in captivity, a 21-year-old "retired" Rodrigues Fruit Bat to the largest species with a wing span of 5-feet. Watch the bats interact in their environment — eating, sleeping, even grooming one another.

More than 1,000 people had already seen the exhibit in its first week, but more than 100,000 are expected to pass through during its

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## Watch movies on the run, but leave the DVDs at home

**T**hese days it's the rare traveler who doesn't pack a notebook PC—not just for work, but also for watching movies.

Usually, when I'm on a flight and get up to stretch my legs, I peek at book jackets as I stroll the aisle. But on my most recent trip, I couldn't help checking out my fellow passengers' movie selections. Seemed like everyone was watching something!



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

In case you're wondering, watching movies on the go doesn't necessarily mean packing a stack of DVDs. Instead, try one of the growing number of movie-download services, which let you rent or buy online.

They're not perfect, but they're undeniably convenient: You can download a movie to your notebook's hard drive anywhere there's

an Internet connection (home, the airport, a hotel room, etc.). But you don't need a connection to actually watch the movies once they've been downloaded.

Many people are already familiar with iTunes, which offers movies you can view on your PC, Mac, iPod, iPhone, Apple TV, etc. It's a great service, but the selection is a bit limited: only 1,000 titles or so. Let's look at a couple worthwhile alternatives.

The first is Amazon Unbox (amazon.com/unbox), home to nearly 6,000 movies you can rent and over 7,000 you can buy. (Tons of TV shows, too.)

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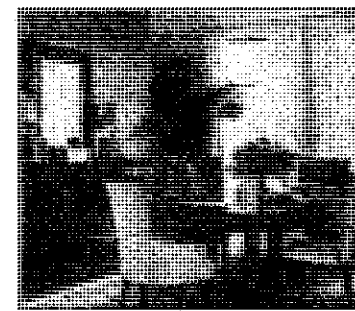
As with iTunes, you must begin watching your rented movie within 30 days of down-

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Pay a small monthly fee and Vongo lets you watch over 1,000 movies — though it's questionable how many you'd actually want to see.

## Accents



The Belmont dining table (\$3,199) and side chairs (\$229) are among Bernhardt Furniture Company collections now available at Art Van Furniture.

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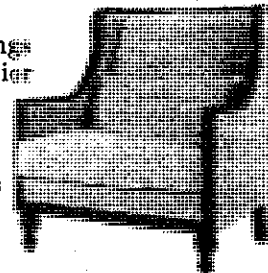
The Belmont Collection features hardwood with dark chestnut finish, a double pedestal table and leather headboard with antique brass hardware.

The Montreux Collection is made of hardwood with brown suede finish and offers a double pedestal table with upholstered and wood chairs, framed headboard sleigh bed and bronze hardware.

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Gorman's will offer a variety of Drexel Heritage bedroom, living room and dining room pieces and sets at its locations in Southfield, Novi, Lakeside and Troy.

For more information, visit www.gormans.com.



**BATS**

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7-month run.

Steve Pagnani, director of marketing for Cranbrook Institute of Science, noted that the exhibit attracts both adults and children. For those who are still a bit squeamish, the exhibit gives way to an alternate route showing only pictures and video of bats in various regions. But 9-year-old Lukas Sznewajs of Birmingham had no trouble standing just inches away from a flying fox bat, as Mies held it in his hand. "I don't really know about bats but I like them a lot," Lukas said.

That's just the point of *Bats: Myths and Mysteries*. Mies hopes the public will walk away wowed, having learned much more about the benefits bats offer.

While most people realize that bats in Michigan tend to

be insect-eaters, he said they consume much more than mosquitoes.

Bats eat moths and beetles and serve as an important component for agriculture, feeding on crop pests that can harm or diminish the food supply.

Bats pollinate, helping to grow fruits like banana and mango and papaya.

Some bats prefer solitude while others live in a colony.

The exhibit shows bats' preferred habitat — caves and crevasses under bridges. It shows ways to protect the bat population locally. Mies suggests building a bat house on your property.

"Give bats an alternative," he said. "They won't enter a house if they have somewhere else to go."

For those who leave as avid bat fans, sponsor-a-bat options are available and range from \$20 to \$500.



Female Fruit Bats huddle together in an exhibit titled 'Bat: Myths and Mysteries' at Cranbrook Science Institute.

For more information visit [www.batconservation.org](http://www.batconservation.org)

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**BATS: MYTHS AND MYSTERIES**

**What:** Separate fact from fiction, try hands-on activities and see live bats at a new exhibit

**When:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, extended hours from 6-9 p.m. Fridays, now through Jan. 4, 2009

**Where:** Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

**Museum admission:** \$9 adult, \$7 children 2-12 and seniors 65+, children under 2 and members admitted free.

**Bat Festival 2008:** 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1 hear Guest Lecturer Janell Cannon, author of *Stellaluna* and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2 enjoy live music and witness bat netting and demonstrations at Cranbrook.

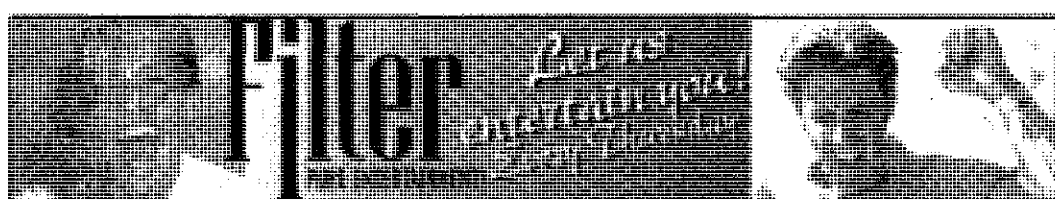
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**WINE**

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Salad make perfect pairings.

■ Joseph Drouhin 2006 *Domaine de Vaudon Chablis* (\$23) is drinking very well now and will age for another five years. Vibrant and citrusy, it's a treat with crabmeat and will make a classic Caesar Salad sing.

■ Joseph Drouhin 2006 *Chablis Premier Cru* (\$29) is fermented in neutral cooperage but remains steely and minerally with tangy orange and lemon flavors that last long into the finish. Try it with smoked salmon.

■ Joseph Drouhin 2005 *Chablis-Sechers* (\$33) is a single-vineyard Premier Cru. Buy and cellar it until oyster season rolls around in September. We're in the "r" month camp for these bivalves. In summer, oysters, except from the coldest waters, are milky and a little too fat in the mouth. We like them briny as does Chablis-Sechers.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are Contributing Editors for the internationally-respected *Quarterly*

**WINE PICKS**

Over the centuries, the French have gifted us with some great things, the Statue of Liberty and Champagne among them. And now, a star-spangled sparkler to celebrate July 4, 2008, Pommery POP America Champagne \$18/187mL, dressed in red, white and blue, stars and stripes, to honor our country's flag. If you're having a Fourth of July Celebration, chill the bottles and serve this bubbly with a straw — no glass needed. The style is a touch sweeter than a more traditional Brut Champagne but makes a lively aperitif to get the party started.

Most CHARDONNAY is barrel fermented and aged, so if you prefer this style, the following are winners!

**PICK OF THE PACK:** 2006 Beringer Sbragia Limited-Release, Napa Valley \$40. Once we say delicious in a generously-oaked style, there's no need for more words.

**ALSO VERY GOOD:**  
2006 Chateau St. Jean Belle Terre Vineyard, \$25  
2006 Sbragia Home Ranch Dry Creek, \$26  
2006 DeLoach OFS Russian River Valley, \$30  
2006 Pine Ridge Dijon Clones, \$33  
2005 Merryvale Carneros, \$35  
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2006 Paul Hobbs Russian River Valley, \$45  
2006 Williams Selyem Hawk Hill Vineyard, \$50  
2006 Williams Selyem Heintz Vineyard, \$50  
2006 Paul Hobbs Richard Dinner Vineyard, Sonoma Mountain, \$65

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Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at [fusionwine@aol.com](mailto:fusionwine@aol.com).

**Use caution when creating outdoor 'rooms'**

While reading the latest home magazines, I'm noticing that designers are creating outdoor areas that look a lot like interior rooms. I think these they are very beautiful, but are they practical?

There has been a trend in the interior design industry towards extending the interior style and décor of our homes right out the door and onto our patio. Yes, this is very beautiful, but not always practical.

Many of these outdoor entertaining spaces you see in magazines are created for clients living in warm weather climates. For example, it rarely rains in Phoenix and with the dry days and cool evenings; outdoor living spaces become a natural extension of the home. While here in Michigan, we

only have a few short months to enjoy our outdoor spaces.

When it comes time to purchase items for our patios and decks, we need to make choices that still consider the effects rain, wind, mosquitoes, etc.

The upholstered furniture and beaded pillows you see in the photographs do not work in every environment. If you are fortunate enough to have an enclosed or covered patio area, you have more choices than those of us with completely exposed patios. However, for either type of situation, you can still create beautiful and luxurious outdoor spaces.

Modern technology has allowed fabric companies to create sun & weather resistant fabrics. A well-known brand of outdoor fabrics is Sunbrella, but there are other companies that make this type of product, too. You will want to make sure your patio furniture cushions are able to withstand our Michigan spring and summer seasons. Otherwise, you will be replacing everything in a year or two.

Fabric is not the only consid-

eration for outdoor spaces. The type of furniture you select is also relevant. Wood is beautiful, but it must be treated or it will fade and warp in short order. Wrought iron is very weather resistant, but may require paint touch-ups over time. With that said, don't be afraid to bring out some interior accessories for the weekend or whatever occasion you will be entertaining. Place candles in votive containers to avoid being blown out by the wind and scatter them around your patio or use tiki torches that are lit with oil.

In Michigan, we may not be able to move our living room furniture to the patio, but with a little creative thinking, we can definitely create stunning outdoor vignettes.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at [www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com](http://www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com).

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**TECH**

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loading it. Once you click Play, you've got 24 hours to finish it.

Planning on repeat viewings? Consider buying the movie instead. Purchase prices range from \$9.99 for older titles to \$14.99 for newer ones, though you'll also find movies selling as low as \$5.99.

Whether you rent or buy, movie downloads require Amazon's Windows-only Unbox Video Player. It's used not only to view your movies, but also to transfer them to portable players.

Unbox supports PlaysForSure-compatible models from the likes of Archos, Creative, and SanDisk. (If you're an iPod/iPhone owner, you're stuck with iTunes.)

Not wild about having to rent or buy movies? Check out

Vongo (vongo.com), which lets you watch all the movies you want, as many times as you want, for a flat fee of \$9.99 per month.

That's the good news. The bad news is that Vongo (owned by cable network Starz) has a relatively limited selection (1,000 movies, no TV shows), much of which is dreck.

Sure, the library has a few winners, like Ratatouille, Pirates of the Caribbean, and even Annie Hall. But it's largely filled with junk like Cutthroat Island and Home Alone 2: Lost in New York.

That's too bad, because Vongo supports a variety of non-iPod portable players, including those from Archos, Creative, and Toshiba. It also integrates very nicely with Windows Vista Media Center.

The service does offer a smattering of pay-per-

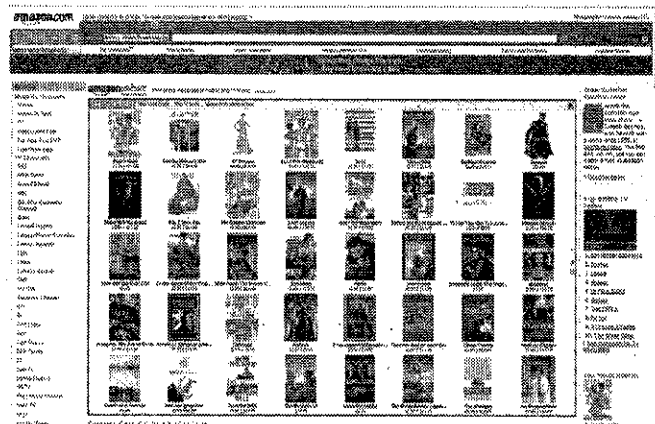
view titles—better fare like Enchanted and No Country For Old Men—for \$3.99 apiece. If you can live without that option, you're better off subscribing to Verizon Starz Play (verizon.net/starzplay): It's the exact same service (minus PPV) for just \$5.99 monthly.

Finally, there's always the option of "ripping" your DVD collection for viewing on your notebook, iPod, Microsoft Zune, or just about any other device.

I've mentioned freeware gem

Handbrake (handbrake.fr) in the past, but it's not the most user-friendly tool. A friendlier option is Xilisoft DVD Ripper Platinum (xilisoft.com), which, though pricey at \$45, makes short and simple work of ripping DVDs.

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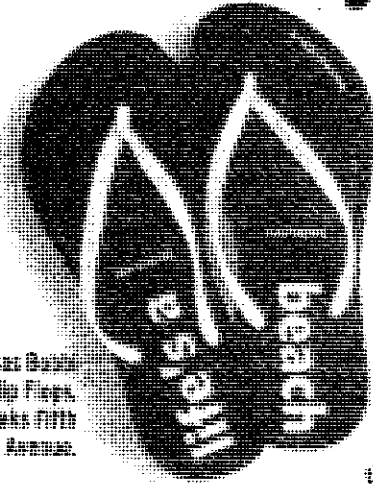
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Havaianas Brown Flip Flops, \$15 at Saks Fifth Avenue.

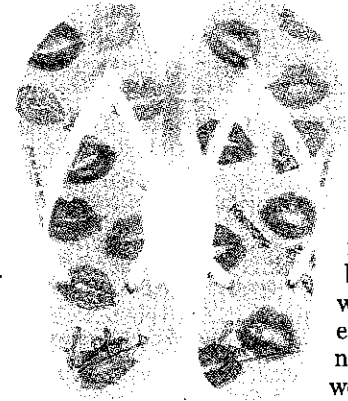


## Style seekers flip for custom flops

Flip-flops are the preferred shoe for summer, and Havaianas are, of course, the thong of choice. At Saks Fifth Avenue, style meets beauty in the form of three limited-edition Havaianas flip-flops designed by celebrity makeup artists. Saks commissioned beauty experts Bobbi Brown, Trish McEvoy and Laura Mercier to create the custom sandals. Shoppers can pick up their favorite pair

(choose from 'Life's a Beach', lip print or seashell motifs) for \$15 with the purchase of any two cosmetic or fragrance items at through Aug. 22 (or while supplies last!).

Best of all, purchases benefit a good cause. Saks will donate \$1 from every pair sold to charity: water, a non-profit initiative that brings clean water to impoverished communities around the world. Saks has pledged to donate \$200,000 to the cause through its ongoing campaign.



Havaianas Laura Mercier Flip Flops, \$15 at Saks Fifth Avenue.

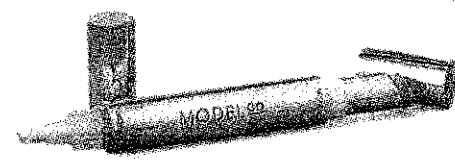
## Hot weather calls for sheer sparkle and sun-kissed beauty

When weather heats up and humidity hits hard, it's necessary to adjust your makeup routine accordingly. Summer months call for a light touch, a pop of color, a dab of shimmer and some serious sun protection. There are plenty of new products on the market ready to help us PINK ladies strike our best pose in the sunlight.



Dollface  
Stephanie Casola

At a recent visit to Birmingham's Todd's Room, Makeup Artist Jeannie Klotzer recommended a slew of summer must-haves, starting with — what else? — the foundations. Turns out Todd's Room is an exclusive Michigan carrier of the ModelCo, a new beauty



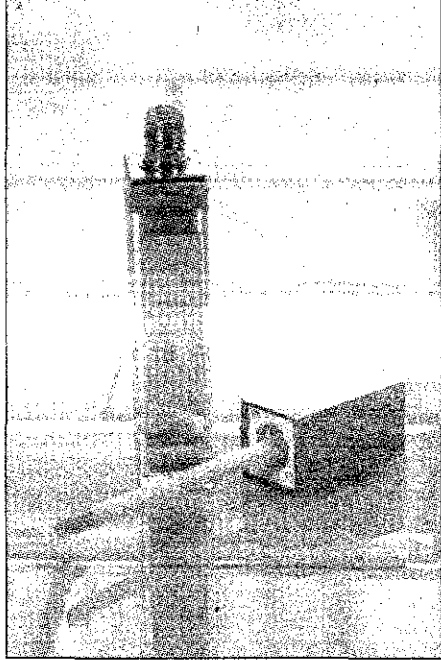
Star Smile by ModelCo gives you color and teeth-whitening all in one.

feel sticky and become impossible to apply in humid weather, try Alison Raffaele Reality Base Foundation. It's sure to balance out skin tone. Just a drop on your fingertip will do the trick. Smooth it evenly across your face — and know you're getting an extra sun protection factor of 15.

I've become such a fan of SPF-stocked powders and foundations. It's just another layer of defense where we need it most.

ModelCo also managed to wow me with its double-duty products — Star Smile boasts a neutral or berry hydrating lip shade on one end and a teeth whitener on the other, while Lip Lights dishes out a wand of gloss that actually lights up for application. No more fumbling for gloss in a dark nightclub. The squared tube is also mirrored on one side so application's a snap.

Klotzer prefers the line's eye shadows, calling them butter-soft to apply and true in pigment. To sculpt a flawless and flushed summer face, Klotzer suggests stocking your makeup bag with the following: ■ **A tinted foundation** — look for one with SPF like Alison Raffaele's Reality Base. ■ **Don't-leave-home without-it lip gloss** — think strawberry-bitten lips, a high-shine berry like ModelCo Star Smile



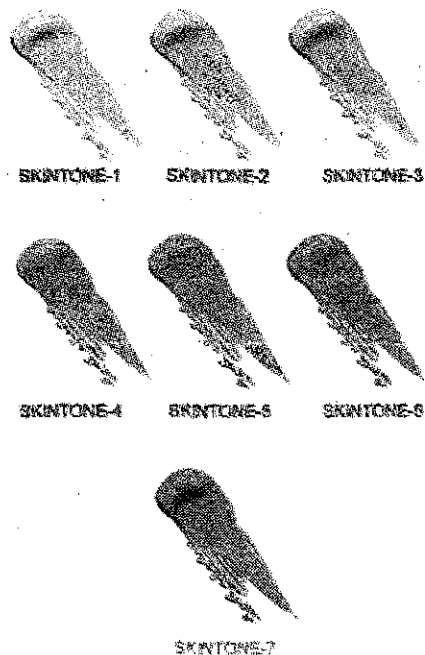
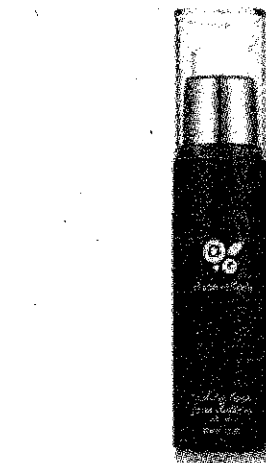
Light up your smile with ModelCo Lip Lights gloss, which actually lights up allowing you to see while applying. A mirrored case also helps the cause.

ty line out of Australia. The items flying off the shelves include a translucent spray formula called **Tan: Airbrush in a Can**. Get an instant bronze glow at home while a longer lasting self-tanner develops.

Another option that Klotzer said is "so easy breezy to use" is the **Self-Tanning Glove**. Just slide the glove on and apply the cocoa-butter scented sunless tanner on your body. Klotzer promised there will be no streaks.

No summer beauty routine can truly begin before you choose the perfect sun protection. **SkinCenticals Active UV Defense** provides a reliable broad spectrum of protection from UVA and UVB rays. "You can wear it underneath your foundation," said Klotzer.

Speaking of which, instead of relying on heavy foundations or powders that can



Reality Base Foundation is feather-light and contains sunscreen perfect for summer.

in Abby.

■ **Shimmery gold or bronzed eye shadow** — like Senna's Sun Dance, a metallic copper gold, or De-Vine, a metallic khaki green.

■ **Eyeliner** is back — This time it's black, brown or eggplant and liner in the inner lower lid with a smudged, smoky effect.

■ **A bronser** and a touch of **blush** for a pop of color — try Senna's Blush & Bronze for a perfect summer face in a flash.

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## Malls & Mainstreets



Children are encouraged to read during "Books, Blankets and Buddies" at The Village of Rochester Hills.

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## PINK PICKS

BY NIKI JOHNSON

If you're into fashion, chances are you're already addicted to [www.DetroitFashionPages.com](http://www.DetroitFashionPages.com). And if you're out and about, you've likely met the Web site's fabulous founder,



Johnson

Niki Johnson. Niki is constantly searching out talented designers and promoting the local fashion scene through a host of fun events. Right now, Niki's planning her next Designer Showcase FUSE, 7 p.m. July 10 at CPOP Gallery in Detroit — but she wasn't too busy to 'pick' her favorites for PINK:

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